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Deloughery claims position on board

By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

After a three-day investigation, Dale Deloughery was declared Niagara College's new student governor elect.

Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president, tied with Kelly Arcand, a first-year Business Administration program student, in the recent Board of Governors election. Both received 44 votes. Stuart McDonald, the third candidate, received 39 votes.

After a recount, witnessed by the three candidates, returning officer Eugene Maltais, a political science teacher, drew Deloughery's name from a box and declared him the new student governor.

Shortly after the March 25 election, a complaint was lodged against Deloughery, 25, by McDonald, 25, claiming Deloughery broke election rules by posting campaign material on walls, windows, and lockers at the Welland campus, instead of just on the bulletin boards. A second complaint alleged that Deloughery campaigned on election day.

After interviewing 20 witnesses, including the three candidates, Maltais dismissed the complaints.

"The rules governing the placing of material are somewhat vague, simply stating, 'All campaign literature must be posted in accordance with College regulations,'" Maltais said in a three page letter to the candidates.

"To construe the regulations in such a way to suggest that campaign material can be placed only on bulletin boards, especially since candidates do not control the placement of bulletins, would be an undue restriction on the democratic process," the letter said.

"After an intense questioning, I have satisfied myself that no new material was introduced by Deloughery to the campaign on the day of the election," the letter added.

McDonald, a first-year Journalism-Print program student, said he will not appeal Maltais's decision.

Meanwhile, Deloughery said while he's not sure what the gov-

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Economy, jobs target of Rae's provincial plan

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

It's cutback time again.

In a recent news release received by College President John Saso, Ontario Premier Bob Rae has proposed a plan to alleviate the economic burden of the provincial debt, while trying to maintain investment in jobs.

The Ontario government says it is introducing "tough measures" to reduce government spending and control the province's debt.

"The fact is that we have a \$68-billion debt because governments of Ontario, including this one, have borrowed against the future. If we simply continued to add to the debt at the current rate it would rise to \$120 billion in 1996. Interest payments on the debt would consume 26 cents out of every tax dollar and billions of dollars that could have been used to invest in jobs, training or education, would simply be used

to pay interest on our debt," Rae said.

Although he attended an April 5 meeting in Toronto held by the Rae, Saso said he will not know until May about further spending cuts at the college.

"The government has not been definite, they are looking for a lot of money - \$2.5 billion from the government sector, but we don't know where from," he said.

Saso said he was unwilling to speculate about the greatest impact these cuts could have on the college, but was pleased with two positive statements made by Rae.

"A lot more training will be funded in the next 12 months, and we believe Rae is looking to colleges to do that shorter-term training."

Saso said Rae is also "planning to spend about \$4 billion to stimulate the economy in capital infrastructure next year."

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Staged extraction at open house

Randy Oliver, 24, left, and Chris Greaves, 21, of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program, demonstrate an extrication from a car at Niagara College's open house on April 4. The volunteer car crash victim is Janice Murray, 21, of the Operation Management program at the college. The open house had 45 college-program displays which attracted 1500 people.

Photo by Stuart McDonald

Election to decide executive VP; other SAC positions acclaimed

By GREGORY FURMINGER
Staff Writer

An election will be held this week to determine who will take the position of executive vice-president on the Student Administrative Council next year.

By the SAC nomination deadline March 16 three positions remained open. The deadline extension to March 26 resulted in two acclaimed positions and three nominations for a third position.

A public meeting was held in the Hamilton Room on April 6 to present next year's SAC and to acknowledge candidates running for executive vice-president.

The three candidates for executive vice-president are John Belli, Dan Levesque and Cris Margeson.

Belli, 22, of Niagara Falls, is a first-year Business Administration program student. He said he would offer students an "enjoyable life" and that his reason for entering the election race was so he could become "part of the decision-making process."

Levesque, 22, a London resident, is a first-year Fashion Merchandising program student whose interest is to be "involved with a team." He was on a committee to build a residence at the Welland campus and offers "dedication" to the job if elected.

Margeson, 26, of Fonthill, is a first-year Business Accounting program student who promises "enthusiasm." Margeson said he has seven years of business experience which

includes mediations, consumer relations and corporate affairs and has been class representative for school activities.

Voting will take place today from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines; Tuesday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls; and Wednesday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Welland campus library and 10 a.m. to noon at the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines.

Leanne Newton, 20, a first-year Interior Design program student from Niagara Falls, was acclaimed vice-president external affairs. She said she "wanted to get involved"

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Seafood, wine extravaganza celebrates fifth anniversary

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

The Great Canadian Seafood and Wine Extravaganza is an evening sure to send taste buds into a frenzy.

This event, on Friday, April 30, in its fifth year, features an exquisite array of seafood, a selection of Niagara's finest wines, a Spanish paella, a variety of salads and garnishes, and a magnificent dessert

table.

The chef professors and students from the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre, in Niagara Falls, are responsible for preparing the dessert table. "All the baking programs are involved," said Pat Hogan, manager food and beverage services.

Sophia Aggelonitis, special events/alumni consultant, has been busy working with the chefs at

Victoria Park Restaurant to organize this menu.

The menu includes a shrimp and crabclaw tree centrepiece; cold dishes such as half lobsters with Russian salad, oysters on a half-shell and smoked salmon; and hot dishes such as mussels in tomato-garlic-scallion broth, snowcrab legs in lemon and mint butter and breaded lake perch with almond. Each table is also topped with four bottles of Niagara wines.

Dinner is followed by the live music of Bill Steven's Dixieland Band, and throughout the evening there are prizes to be won.

There are 300 seats available for this event, and tickets are "going fast", said Aggelonitis.

"It was almost a full-house," she said in reference to last year's turnout, and she said she is optimistic this year's event will be just as successful.

"Each year we try to make it a little bit better," said Larry Naftulin,

'The foundation is the fund-raising arm of the college,' Naftulin

vice-chairman and chief executive officer of the Niagara College Foundation.

This year's event includes a raffle for a Blue Jays ticket package for four, including tickets to the game, a limousine ride to and from the game and an overnight stay at the SkyDome.

All the proceeds from this event, organized by the Niagara College Foundation, will be used to support projects at the college.

"The foundation is the fund-raising arm of the college," said Naftulin.

The money raised is used to sponsor new buildings, new equipment and any other new ventures the college deems necessary, he said.

Tickets are \$75 a person and a \$35 tax receipt will be issued. For tickets or more information contact Sophia Aggelonitis at (416) 641-2252, extension 4034.



Little bird told me

Early childhood educator Tina Price holds a baby chick up to student Theresa, 3, at the Early Childhood Education Centre at Niagara College's Welland campus on April 6. The children were shown two chicks and a rabbit for an Easter celebration that was followed by an egg hunt.

Photo by Robin Green

NRP looking for help in high school break in

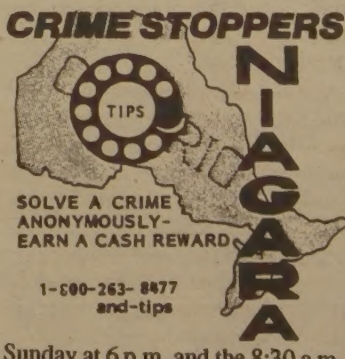
Persons unknown "attended" Lakeport Secondary School, sometime overnight last month, and made off with some audio visual equipment. On the morning of Feb. 21, 1993, staff members discovered a break-in to the school's studio.

Entry to the A/V room was gained via a skylight, which had been broken from the outside. The suspects then dropped down eight feet into the studio. A padlock on

the control-booth doors was then forced open by the culprits.

Various pieces of equipment, including a VCR, were removed by the thieves, who exited the building through the same skylight. It is believed the suspects had first climbed onto the roof from the north side of the school.

Lakeport Secondary School is located at 535 Lake St., at Linwell Road, in St. Catharines. The break-in occurred sometime between



Sunday at 6 p.m. and the 8:30 a.m.

Kiss the Flame



Drunk driver kills woman

By HEATHER D. HODGSON
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Special to Niagara News

Last week we started to look at the victim. Mary was a 24-year-old. She and her unborn baby girl were killed by an impaired 18-year-old. Jim, her husband, was caught up in what seemed to be a never ending nightmare.

The 18-year-old stood trial. Jim didn't understand the system.

The 18-year-old had a lawyer, paid for by legal aid. Jim had no representation, the Crown attorney represents the state.

At the trial, Jim heard that the accused had three previous convictions for impaired operation. He was under the legal drinking age. He was driving his mother's car under suspension. The youth had a drinking problem. He was a good student who worked part time at a fast food outlet. He was truly sorry for what he had done.

Now, you decide. We've looked at some of the consequences. The maximum sentence for impaired operation causing death is 14 years in jail plus a licence suspension.

What sentence would satisfy the law? What sentence would satisfy Jim? What sentence would be appropriate for the 18-year-old?

It isn't as easy as it seems, is it? Remember that if the 18-year-old is sent to jail for more than two years, he'll be serving time with murderers and hard core criminals. He won't necessarily have access to treatment for his substance abuse problems.

If that boy was your boyfriend, son, brother, or if he'd left your party, what sentence would you want for him?

What about Mary and her unborn baby girl? If Mary was your spouse, sister, daughter what sentence would you expect?

What about all of the others who were touched by this incident, the police officer who knelt by Mary, the passersby who were compelled by some strange sensation to stand by and watch at the scene, the officer who told Jim, the ambulance crew, the surgical team... all of these people were affected.

Impaired operation of a motor vehicle is more than a legal issue. It is a social issue.

In the real case, the 18-year-old was sentenced to seven months in jail. Just about the same length of time that the baby girl was nurtured in Mary's womb.

Jim was incensed by this lack of concern, lack of understanding.

His doctor prescribed antidepressants. He didn't want them because he felt that they were addictive. He lost his job because he couldn't concentrate on work. Later, because he couldn't keep up his payments, the home that he and Mary had chosen was lost. He couldn't bear to be in it anyway... too many memories, too many dreams.

Finally, someone realized that Jim needed counselling. He spent many months in therapy. He learned to work through his anger, his frustration, his grief. But, he never got over his loss.

In Niagara there is a new organization called Niagara Against Drunk Driving. This volunteer group is founded by people like Jim, victims of impaired driving. They provide support and channelling for the victims. They also provide opportunities for community members who want to get involved.

The group is in its infancy but it is morally supported by Against Drunk Driving (founded in Brampton, Ont.), the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving and the Drinking Driving Countermeasures office of the Attorney General of Ontario.

opening of the school the next day, Monday, Feb. 21.

The audio visual equipment is valued at about \$3,000. There are no suspects in this case, as yet. Crime Stoppers is hoping the public can provide assistance in locating the persons responsible.

If you have information regarding this break, enter and theft, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash

award up to \$1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

The Niagara Regional Police in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc. writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.



Saso 'pleased' with turnout

More than 1,500 attend open house

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

More than 1,500 people attended Niagara College's open house on Sunday, April 4.

"I'm very pleased because it's been steady, not just people wandering around," said college president John Saso after speaking with visitors.

Saso said he was "really surprised" by the number of older people interested in the college's programs, and expects to have "a lot more mature students next year."

The open house was from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Forty-five courses set up displays in the halls and classrooms in all of the buildings in the college.

The Continuing Education Department organized free motorcycle rides in Parking Lot D, nursing students from the Mack Nursing Education Centre gave blood pressure checks in the Tecumseh Extension, and the Sunburst Steel Band performed outside the bookstore.

There was also face painting for the children outside the library, children's crafts in S103 in the Simcoe Building and Freddy the Clown entertaining children with his balloon animals. The bookstore in the Tecumseh Extension and the Fashion Boutique were both open for business.

Peggy Anderson of Sarnia, Ont., said the open house was "really, really nice." Anderson and her husband John came to the college with their daughter Lisa to find out more about the college.

"It's been very informative and well laid out," she said. "It is definitely a good idea, especially if you want to see other programs."

An orientation of the office administration programs was held in the Mackenzie building at 2:30 p.m. The orientation was organized by Christine Berkhout, co-ordinator of the office administration programs.

"Between 75 and 100 people came," she said. "Everybody seemed quite interested in the program. We had the orientation because it helps for students to understand."

Berkhout said "quite a number" of students attended the program from out of town.

Margret Rocco of Welland attended the orientation with her daughter Cheri. "It was very good and informative," Margret said. "I trained for a secretary 20 years ago, and I think the co-op is the greatest. I couldn't believe it."

Cheri Rocco, 18, of Welland said the orientation was "pretty informative."

"The program looks pretty good,"

she said. "I wish they would have done it (the orientation) for the other program I applied for."

Mariam Duke, a first-year General College program student, said she enjoyed the event.

"The turnout is really good," she said. "People really put on a nice display."

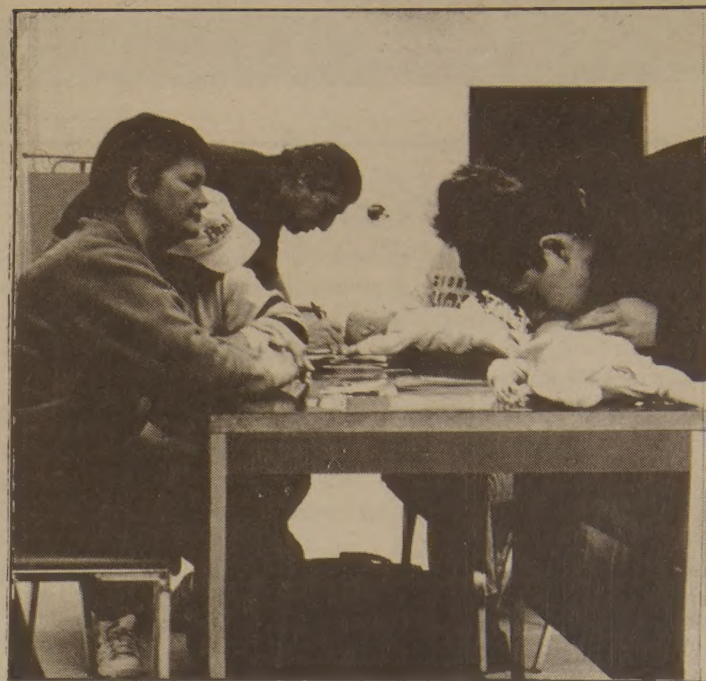
Monique Morin attended the open house representing jobsOntario, a new program that rewards employers for taking employees.

"We've done really well," she said. "We have 250 possible job openings, and 241 are filled. We've met our goals for this year."

Morin said some of the program's success came because the provincial government spent a lot of money provincewide on a general advertisement which advised people to contact their local jobsOntario broker.

Randy Conlon, information officer for the college's Marketing and Communications Department, said between 1,500 and 2,000 people attended the open house.

"I can't believe that many people came," he said. "Without a question, attendance was up by 20 per cent this year. No one went away disappointed. It went incredibly well."



The Sunburst Steel Band (above, left) performs outside the bookstore at Niagara College's annual open house on Sunday, April 4. Visitors (above) participate in CPR demonstrations. More than 1,500 people attended the open house.

Photos by John Bell

As of early April

More students applying to college than last year

By CHARLIE KOSCAK
Staff Writer

Although more than 10,000 applications to Niagara College have been accepted by the registrar, it is still too early to judge how many applications will be coming in.

College Registrar Ivar Noren said 10,157 applications to various programs have been received as of early April.

Between 2,750 and 2,800 first-year students will be accepted for fall classes.

The actual number of students attending Niagara College in September may be less than 10,000 since some applicants apply to several programs, said Noren.

However, he said he had a hunch that more students are applying than last year.

It is always difficult to project the number of applicants this early

in the year, but it is made more difficult because of a new system for college applications across Ontario, he said.

"In the past, students applied directly to the college," he said. Now, the Ontario College's Application Services in Guelph accepts the applications and delivers them to all 23 colleges in the province.

Before the new system, students were able to apply to an unlimited number of programs, but the new system allows an applicant to apply to a maximum of five programs.

On May 15, the college will mail acceptance letters and the students will have two weeks to send confirmation of attendance. After the two-week deadline, an accurate estimate can be made about the number of applicants, Noren said.

Executive VP vote set for this week

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with the college and has council experience from high school. Newton is a student representative for the Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario.

Frank Keltos, 22, a first-year Business Administration program student from St. Catharines, was acclaimed vice-president athletics. Keltos, who played varsity basketball this season, said he hoped he could "fill the shoes" of past athletic vice-presidents.

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said she was "disappointed in the number of students interested in running for SAC," but said she knew the students are at the college to

study.

DiMattio said if campaigning were to start earlier next year students may become more interested and aware of the SAC elections.

On March 16, Kristen Sorensen, 20, a first-year Law and Security Administration program student from Burlington, who was executive vice-president this year, was acclaimed president; Brad Billard, 20, a first-year Business Administration program student from St. Catharines, remains vice-president social affairs and Jeremy Lowe, 19, a first-year Business Accounting program student from Niagara Falls, was acclaimed vice-president internal affairs.

Draw decides

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emor's job involves, he'll do all he can to represent students' interests.

"Eugene did a fantastic job to make sure things were fair, and he did a very good investigation too," Deloughery said.

Arcand, 20, who lost on the draw, said she does not like the method of drawing lots to decide on a winner. "It does not take into account the candidate's ability to handle the position," she said.

Deloughery, a second-year Human Relations program student, replaces Carl Jones, 35, whose term ends in August.

Toronto job fair 'successful'

By JOHN BELL
Staff Writer

Between 60 and 70 students from Niagara College attended a "successful" job fair in Toronto earlier this month.

"Overall, I would say it was a success, but individually there were degrees of success," said Janet Forfar, the career services officer at the college.

The April 1 event at Varsity Arena was organized by the University of Toronto and ACCIS, a national group of college and university graduates and employers.

Tickets for the event were offered to students at \$4 each while a bus ride to and from Varsity Arena was available for

\$6. The Student Administrative Council subsidized \$1 for each bus ticket.

Forfar said about 3,000 people and 56 employers attended the fair, which lasted from noon to 7 p.m.

"It was very crowded at peak times, and it took a while for students to speak to who they wanted to. Employers gave information and accepted students' resumes."

The April 1 job fair is the only one ACCIS will be organizing this year. Forfar said she is not sure if there will be another one next year.

"I don't know," she said. "We'll have to look at the results of this year before we decide."

Serial killer cards are trash

Let's keep the murderers in the wax museums and libraries and not on convenience store shelves between the M&M's and Double Bubble.

Positive influences, guidance and healthy mental and physical development are assets children in our society need. Serial killer trading cards offer none of these.

Imported from California, the cards have not been declared illegal in Canada, although Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek has promised they will be soon.

These cards are crass and insensitive. They belittle the victims' unjust horror-filled deaths and undermine the pain and suffering their families are left to struggle with.

Cards depicting the most vicious of criminals are deemed the most valuable money-makers among serial killer card collectors. The cards display a colored picture of the murderer, describing in detail the nature of their crime, the method they used to murder their victims and their given jail sentences.

Cat Yronwode, chief-in-editor of Eclipse Enterprises in California where the cards are published, says the cards are not for children and Canadians are overreacting.

Child crime is on the rise. Children have learned to smoke cigarettes, drink alcoholic beverages; some even come to school equipped with weapons. Children have learned to cultivate prostitution and drug rings as well as mug, rob and murder innocent people. What's going to stop children from handling these serial killer trading cards?

As mature adults and role models for the children in our society, it is our responsibility to make some strong decisions on their behalf.

Some people may say, "it's the principle of the thing." As a free nation we should have the right to choose whether or not we want to purchase such paraphernalia. Others argue the injustice of someone making a prophet at the expense of another's misery by making heroes out of hoodlums should not be acceptable in our society.

Although the Niagara Region has not yet detected any circulation of these cards, a box of 432 cards selling for \$150 has recently surfaced in a Toronto store.

Over 100,000 concerned Canadians have signed a national petition asking the government to ban these cards. Additional petitions are expected to circulate in the near future.

The appropriate place for these serial killer cards is in the trash.

Donna Dolynsky

Let's get more active

Everyone has seen the numbers or read about the reports — those reports that say the average Canadian is overweight or out of shape. The era of fast foods and VCRs has reduced most of us to couch potatoes that cook meals between commercial breaks, and slugs that have to search the sofa cushions for the remote control instead of marching over the entire 10-foot distance to the television and turn the channel manually.

Arteries are hardening, blood pressures are rising, and not too many people are doing anything about it. People, we are not healthy and it's time to change.

Changing your lifestyle is not that hard if you would give change a chance. It's like notetaking: when people first take notes in class, they try to write every single word out in full, but after a short while, they reduce words to symbols and other short cuts to make notetaking easier. Take eating healthier, for instance. Instead of going to McDonalds for supper, go to a real restaurant — a little more expensive, but you are assured a properly cooked meal with most of the food groups.

Walking a set of stairs to the second floor instead of taking an elevator is one way to get a bit more exercise.

It's that simple. These little things may not sound like much, but they reduce the chance of have a lazy, improper diet-related disease.

Take the batteries out of the remote control, too. It can't be that hard to turn a knob.

Charlie Koscak

Every animal deserves a caring family's love



By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

Go ahead. Buy that puppy in the window if you want to but only after you've read this column. Buying a puppy is a more serious endeavour than you could imagine.

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

The animal rights movement may seem less serious than other social movements but it is a sound and serious movement.

Animals, like humans, are capable of knowing pain, fear and suffering and, like people, they have rights arising from their existence. These rights are denied them in law and daily life.

The majority of puppies in Canadian pet stores are imported from American puppy mills in midwestern states. There they are subjected to deplorable living conditions. They are often kept in small, stacked cages without exercise and with little love or human contact and forced to defecate on unfortunate dogs below. Females act as puppy-producing machines forced to produce litters until they are exhausted.

By buying puppies from pet stores, you may very well be

contributing to the livelihood of an inhumane puppy mill breeder and condoning the wretched existence of dogs who lead lives of misery and desperation.

With proper regulations and enforcement, inhumane conditions could be improved, but with the pet-overpopulation crisis as it is in Canada, we should be trying to end the cruelty and injustice instead of trying to regulate it.

For almost every animal sold from a puppy mill, a shelter animal is destroyed. There are simply not enough homes to handle the surplus. In Canada, thousands of unwanted animals are destroyed each year by animal shelters.

'The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.'

Leonardo Da Vinci said, "The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as now they look upon the murder of men."

The time is now. We must stop applying band-aids to mortal wounds. We must formulate a moral code that will govern our relations with animals and will accord them the respect they deserve.

Adopting animals from animal shelters instead of buying animals from pet stores which support inhumane breeding is the only compassionate choice.

Questionable ethics exist in journalism

By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

The media's coverage of Paul Bernardo leaves much to be desired. Has journalism fallen to a new low? Sometimes I wonder.

On Feb. 17, 1993, police arrested Bernardo. Several days later the Toronto Sun printed a full-page color picture of Bernardo on Page 2 titled, "Portrait of a Killer."

On Friday, Feb. 19, The Toronto Star printed on the front page an article saying, "Bernardo has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the brutal slayings of Mahaffy and French." Accompanying the article was a picture of Bernardo's wife, Karla.

Yet Bernardo has not been formally charged for the murders of Kristin French and Leslie Mahaffy.

Publishing the name of a suspect before he's convicted is bad, publishing his name and picture before he's charged is destructive.

People argue the community has the right to know the facts, yet an individual has the right to be protected from having his reputation ruined. Maybe Bernardo did murder French and Mahaffy, but what if he didn't?

In theory, under Canadian law, a person is innocent until proven guilty. Only when convicted and sentenced is a person to suffer punishment. In reality, a person suffers as soon as they are charged. The media broadcasts their name and address and sometimes the addresses of other family members, as well as pictures when they're available. Innocent reputations are destroyed. Once a court reaches a verdict, then the public should be informed, and not before.

Journalism is all about information. Information is power: power to create or destroy. Those who wield power must be responsible. Therefore, journalists must be responsible, and always aware of the significance of what they write.

But are they?

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Some relieved, some lament

Mulroney leaves Canada with a strong legacy

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

After serving two terms as Canadian prime minister, Brian Mulroney has decided he has had enough and is resigning.

As he leaves 24 Sussex Drive, Mulroney will surely hear a collective sigh of relief from many Canadians. There are a few of us though who shall lament the loss of such a magnetic leader. Few politicians base their political decisions with regards to the best interests of the people they serve. Mulroney was one of the few who kept the best interests of all Canadians at heart. He never believed that the popular choice was always the right choice and often because of such a belief Mulroney was criticized.

Such decisions as the Goods and Services Tax and the North American Free Trade Agreement have cost Mulroney thousands of supporters. The irony though is that without such legislation Canada may be even deeper in a recession than we already are.

The GST and NAFTA are two necessary items to ensure Canada stays economically competitive with the rest of the world. Mulroney recognized that long ago and made it a priority to turn the deficit around and move forward. No other viable alternative to the GST has been offered and without a deficit reduction plan the costs would simply continue to escalate.

Mulroney was not perfect and

anybody who expects an individual to be flawless in that position has an unrealistic view of today's world. However, he did try. He attempted to move Canada along with the progress of the rest of the world. The world is quickly moving towards globalization and Mulroney saw that the countries that do not follow the procession will promptly be swallowed up by the power of progress.

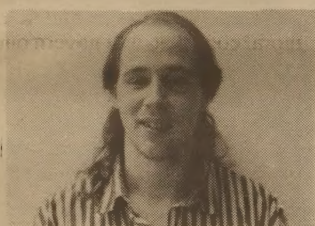
There are definitely problems in Canada as Mulroney gets ready to step down, but those problems are not a result of poor leadership. Mulroney will, for a few years, be scorned by people who feel he is responsible for the woes of the country. History,

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it's hoped, will remember him as a leader who tried to do what was right and believed in himself and his people through all the good times and the bad.

Canadians need a person to blame right now and we have chosen Mulroney. Instead of pointing the finger at Mulroney maybe we should be thanking him for his continual effort to keep Canada one of the world's strongest nations, and hope that our next leader has the courage and drive to continue to make tough, hard decisions for the good of all Canadians. In my view, Mulroney has set a standard for making those tough decisions for a better Canada.

Poor voting attendance for Board of Governors election



By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

In the recent election for a seat on Niagara College's Board of Governors only 128 students voted. Yet over 4,700 students were eligible. So roughly three per cent of the students at the college voted.

For a democracy to work people must participate. Otherwise you end up with an aristocracy, where a few decide for the many. Dale Deloughery was elected with 44 votes, meaning one per cent of Niagara College's stu-

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dent body selected a representative for all the rest of the student body. Even then the decision had to be made by a draw from a hat.

A seat on the Board of

Governors is an honor that carries many responsibilities, yet it seems few students care.

People say voting is futile, what difference can one vote make? Or they say they didn't know there was an election. But in a democracy it's the responsibility of voters to stay informed and as the governor election shows, one vote can make a big difference.

By not voting you remove yourself from the process, without actually affecting the process. The election goes on. Someone is always elected.

Elderly not only people in age discriminatory society

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

When discussing age discrimination, people tend to think about the mistreatment of the elderly. But don't young adults fall victim to this prejudice as well?

Recently I walked into the post office in Beamsville to courier a letter to my brother. As I needed a pen to fill out the necessary forms, I asked the lady behind the counter if she had one. Her answer was an unequivocal "no". Nowhere in that post office was there a pen I could use. Now you can bet that if I was 30 years old with a screaming kid at my side, someone would have found me a pen. As it turns out, I had to run next door and buy myself one.

This is just one instance, though, of the unwarranted dis-

crimination placed on young adults. We're watched a little closer when we enter stores, judged a little harder when we first present ourselves, and questioned a little longer when we offer our opinion.

Perhaps this discrimination was, at one time, justifiable. Today, however, it is unthinkable. Young adults are showing themselves to be responsible, thinking, educated people. We are using our insight and energy to tackle even the toughest of issues that are facing us.

The stereotype of young adults being apathetic delinquents must be shed. Age does not determine intellect or reflect our ability to perform as successful members of this society. It is individually based, which is how we should be judged.

Generation Gap

Parents just don't understand our era



By AIMEE PHILIPPE
Staff Writer

"Don't go out like that or you'll catch a cold!"

"Don't you have any home-

work? Beverly Hills 90210 or Fresh Prince of Bel Air isn't going to get you through college, you know!"

I'm sure you have all heard these familiar phrases, and I'm also sure that you haven't listened to them either.

(For all you people who were born before 1968: It's 90210 and Fresh Prince of Bel Air!)

Parents just don't understand the pressures of our era and, quite frankly, I don't think they ever will. Oh sure, they SAY

they understand, but you can bet your bottom dollar that they don't have a clue.

Parents need to understand the pressures we face

See, I'm the type of person who leaves things until the last minute.

My parents don't understand that.

If I have an English essay due the following day, you can bet it will be done an hour before class. OK, I'm exaggerating but you know what I'm talking about here because everybody has done it one time or another in their lifetime. I just happen to do it a little more than once.

OK, OK, all of the time.

If my hair is not perfect in the morning, or if I can't find that right shade of lipstick, then

school can wait for me until I do. (Or rather, that's the way I feel anyways.)

Sometimes I wish my parents understood what teenagers today go through. Maybe then they'd ease off and stop nagging us about our homework. Do you think they bug us because they love us and don't want to let us go? Could that be it?

Naaaaah! They are just a big pain in the butt.

So I'll have to agree with Will Smith here: "Parents Just Don't Understand."

College remains a 'pretty safe campus'

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Ahh, college.

It's everyone's expectation to enter college with the dreams of parties, making new friends, and pulling all-nighters to finish homework.

But has this dream been shattered?

Many students don't believe there is crime and violence at a college level.

Uta Haley, an English teacher at Niagara College who also teaches an elective "Writing for the World of Work," recently had her class complete a questionnaire asking people if they have ever been a victim of crime or violence on or off campus.

The questionnaire was published in the March 19 edition of the

Niagara News, and 50 questionnaires were placed at After Hours.

In one week, Haley received 24 replies. Six were from the newspaper and 19 from After Hours.

"A lot of people responded in a week," said Tina Niedzwiedz, 21, a second-year student in the Human Relations program.

The female respondents outnumbered the males by 16 to eight.

The age groups in the survey were 17 to 20, 21 to 24, 25 to 29 and 30 and over. The age group that initiated more in this survey were the 17 to 20 year olds.

The violence and crime covered in the survey dealt with many aspects of violence. For instance, there was sexual abuse, verbal abuse, harassment, vandalism, theft and physical assault.

The survey indicated there is

more crime off campus. There were five people who reported that they were a victim on campus while 19 said no they had not been. While off campus 13 people reported they had been a victim.

"There's a lot more violence and crime on and off campus than I thought there was," said Chris Tiessen, 21, a second-year Human Relations program student.

Students were asked if they thought services provided by Niagara College were adequate. These services include the car walk service, daytime security, nighttime security and building passes. The car walk service is for Continuing Education students at night. A total of 14 people said the service was adequate. Law and Security Administration program students are placed at the main doors with

flashlights and a radio to escort people to their cars.

Fourteen people felt daytime security at the school was adequate, while nine replies did not think so.

Out of those who returned the survey, 11 people thought the building pass was adequate and seven said it wasn't. Six did not know what it was.

Linda Maidens, the college's building operations supervisor, said it is a pass a student gets from his or her teacher of a course. This is shown to the security guard when entering the building at night.

"If it looks like it's been doctored, if they're really sure (security guards) they bring it to my attention," she said. Maidens then checks to see if the teacher authorized the particular person a building pass.

Individuals who filled out the

questionnaire "strongly voted" in favor of an anonymous telephone hotline and a counselling service at the college to report incidents of violence. A total of 23 people wanted a hotline on campus.

Haley said she found the comments interesting and constructive, particularly the request for a hotline.

Other services people would like to see on campus include: seminars to educate about safety awareness; more lighting; security guards in parking lots; more counsellors; photo identification for staff and students and a higher visibility of guards.

"At this time, Niagara College is a pretty safe campus, there is very little trouble," Maidens said.

Scheduling department always 'on the go'

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

There is a department at Niagara College that people and faculty often overlook. It is the scheduling department located in Hennipen Hall at the Welland campus.

Two women who work in the department are "constantly on the go all day long." Their job includes making class timetables, scheduling courses, updating courses and assigning course numbers.

Linda Armbrust, 41, of Welland is the college's scheduler. She has been working in the scheduling department for 12 years. She spent two years as an assistant scheduler, and 10 years as scheduler. She has been at the school for 22 years.

Armbrust said the scheduling department "deals with all requests to advise people where to put their foot when they enter the college."

The department operates under the Office of Niagara College's

Registrar Ivar Noren, she said.

The department is different compared to other departments because the schedulers need information from all 10 academic program directors in order to do their work, such as business studies, community studies, media and design, technology and allied health studies.

Eileen Doolittle, 22, of Port Colborne is the assistant scheduler. She has been in the department for the past 18 months. Her duties

'There are always new things happening'

include scheduling one-half of post-secondary programs, setting up contracts with outside organizations wanting to use the college facilities, and all continuing education courses.

"I really enjoy every aspect of this job, it is very challenging. There are always new things happening," she said.

Doolittle is a graduate from the college's Business Administration Operations Management program in 1992. She applied for the co-op position in scheduling as a student, then returned upon graduation as a replacement. Recently she was hired as a full-time employee at the college.

Armbrust said the biggest change she has experienced since she has been in the scheduling department is the change from a manual recording system to a computerized recording system. "This college is very well organized since the switch to computerized recording. I really enjoy working with all levels and I want the Niagara College to shine," she said.

Armbrust said she also enjoys working with her new assistant. "Eileen is a true asset to the scheduling department and she is highly qualified for this position as assistant scheduler."

Asked her long-term goal, Doolittle replied: it is to "take over Linda's position."



Linda Armbrust, right, the college's scheduler, enjoys working with her new assistant, Eileen Doolittle.

Photo by Elaine Doolittle

Neighborhood Watch says

Area burglaries on the rise

By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

Every 15 seconds a burglary occurs.

The number of burglaries in Niagara Region is rising. To reduce the rate of burglaries, communities are pulling together with a Neighborhood Watch program.

Neighborhood Watch is aimed at having neighbors watch the property in their neighborhood during times when burglaries are likely to occur. A police officer patrolling your community may not recognize a stranger in your yard, but a neighbor might.

Niagara Region Police Constable Thomas Trojan, a crime prevention officer, spoke about Neighborhood Watch at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on March 31.

Trojan, who has been teaching the program since 1987, said

"the idea of the program is to reduce crime in neighborhoods. Reducing crime will heighten awareness, educate the community and stress communication in neighborhoods."

The Neighborhood Watch program began in 1978 and evolved into a way of life. People began to take caution and lock their doors, something they would have never done in the past. It is estimated that there are about 150,000 homes in neighborhoods with 10 per cent of neighborhoods having a Neighborhood Watch program.

If you see something suspicious, write down a description of the item such as a car or person. Or, if you are going away, tell a neighbor or a friend. Protect yourself by using good lighting and security around the home. Also always secure all doors and windows.

Pocket-size alarm available Offers personal security

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

If you're one of those women who think it will never happen to you, you have it all wrong.

Here's an answer for your own peace of mind — your own personal security alarm.

Norman O'Brien, sales representative for Sir Galahad alarm systems, recently visited the college to sell his pocket size alarm to students. He was here for four hours, but did not sell any of his alarm systems.

"I was very disappointed, and if a female student had only a few dollars in her pocket it would be the last thing she would buy," he said.

The alarm system originally came

from England where at Kent University with about 2,000 females, each female student received one, said O'Brien. "It proved beneficial."

At some universities in England females get an alarm system in their packages as soon as they register, he said.

Nancy Grimminck, Student Administrative Council vice-president of internal affairs, said that SAC ordered about 10 alarms in October. When there was a guest speaker attending the school who ever attended were given tickets to win the alarm system.

It has an ultra loud two-way siren (110 decibel siren), pull cord anti-snatch switch, belt carrying clip,

12-volt battery, made of durable impact resistant ABS, solid state circuitry, one-year guarantee and is designed to fit easily in your pocket or purse. The alarm costs \$19.95 plus taxes, shipping and handling.

As soon as the cord is pulled, a loud piercing noise goes off and it will only stop when the cord is inserted back into the pocket-size alarm.

An advantage to this system is that if a purse snatcher takes off with your purse and the cord is in your hand, the alarm would go off in your purse until it is re-inserted. Anyone interested in this device can telephone O'Brien in Niagara Falls at 357-0211.

WANTED: Frosh keepers for Orientation

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

They call themselves frosh keepers! That was the name given to student volunteers helping with last year's orientation at Niagara College.

About 50 to 60 frosh keepers participated in Orientation '92. These were students, referred by their co-ordinators, as being helpful and friendly individuals.

"Last year's students were excellent. We couldn't have asked for a better group of people," said Lou DiMattio, Student Administrative Council liaison.

Volunteers found themselves conducting small group tours on the Welland campus of the college, as well as lending a hand with the Ice Breaker Olympics.

DiMattio said because last

year's orientation was held before Labor Day, the crowds weren't as large as organizers would've liked. Six hundred freshmen took part in last year's festivities.

This year's two-day orientation is to be held Tuesday, Sept. 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 8. A better turn-out is expected since

Volunteer

both days fall after Labor Day. For those two days both the second and third year students are exempt from any classes.

"We hope for 2,000 students to attend this year. Within two or three weeks there will be a meeting for those frosh keepers who show interest in volunteering for this," DiMattio said.

Those who volunteer can expect to be helping with barbecues and leading students around the campus, pointing out "both the high points and the low points" of the college.

This year, replacing the Ice Breaker Olympics, is a rally crew by the name of Playfair. The idea is for students to meet someone new every few seconds, said DiMattio. The entire process takes an hour and a half.

Because this year's turn-out is expected to be three times the number of students who attended last year, frosh keepers are in demand. Students who are interested in being frosh keepers should talk to their co-ordinators and fill out the information form needed or contact Lou DiMattio in the counselling centre.

Ride the waves this summer

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

As the winter term draws to an end, the spring/summer term is gearing up and ready to go. Whether you are a full-time student or a part-time student, there are a variety of courses and seminars available to everyone. The deadline is May 10 for any course that begins May 17.

If you are interested in the history surrounding the Niagara Region, the college is offering a one-day cruise along the Niagara River.

The cruise, June 5 and 6, leaves from Port Weller, travels down Lake Ontario to the Niagara River and then on to Queenston. Throughout the trip, Brock University history professor Wesley Turner will be giving a history of the events that are a part of the Niagara heritage.

Included in the \$79 ticket is the 6 1/2 hour cruise, brunch and also dinner. There are only 220 seats available.

Also available is the Niagara College Sailing School. The course, which has been operating for three years, begins on May 8 and continues at different times throughout the summer. Three lengths of courses are available: 27 hours, 12 hours and also six hours. The 27-hour course, when completed, will allow the student a chance to join the Niagara College Sailing Club. There is also a new junior program offered to youths between 12 and 16. This course is one-week long and available from June through to August. For more information any of the courses mentioned, or any other courses of interest, contact the Continuing Education office in Hennepin Hall at the Welland campus at 735-2211.

Baked goods send students to Ottawa

By TINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

It was off to Ottawa for second-year students in the Human Relations program at Niagara College.

Willard Wright, an economics teacher, went along for the ride.

The trip began March 31 and ended April 3. Students raised money by sponsoring a bake sale, a Valentine's Day raffle, and a Christmas banquet. They raised about \$1,100. It ended up costing \$75 a student, which included the van to get there, hotel accommodations, dinner in the Parliament Buildings and tours. There were 21 students staying at the Holiday Inn.

The day after they arrived in the city, 30 centimetres of snow fell.

"We were walking around in a blizzard in spring jackets and shoes," said Tina Niedzwiedz.

Another student said they went to a formal dinner with the MP Gib Parent and his wife at the Parliament Buildings where no one else is permitted, unless invited by an MP. "We went to private meetings at night and public tours in the daytime," said the student, who asked not to be identified.

While the students were visiting the Parliament Buildings they were fortunate enough to meet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Sandra Reid, 22, said, "shaking Mulroney's hand was a pleasure, actually it was interesting to see the political aspect of our country."

Chris Tiessen, 21, said he met with Mulroney. "He walked over to us and shook our hand. He was being polite and very courteous," he said.

Students also visited the House of Commons.

"We were allowed to sit on the speaker's chair. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," said 20-year-old Paul Langlois.

"Thanks to my awesome driving, we made it," said Kerry Decker, 25.

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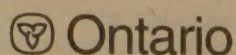
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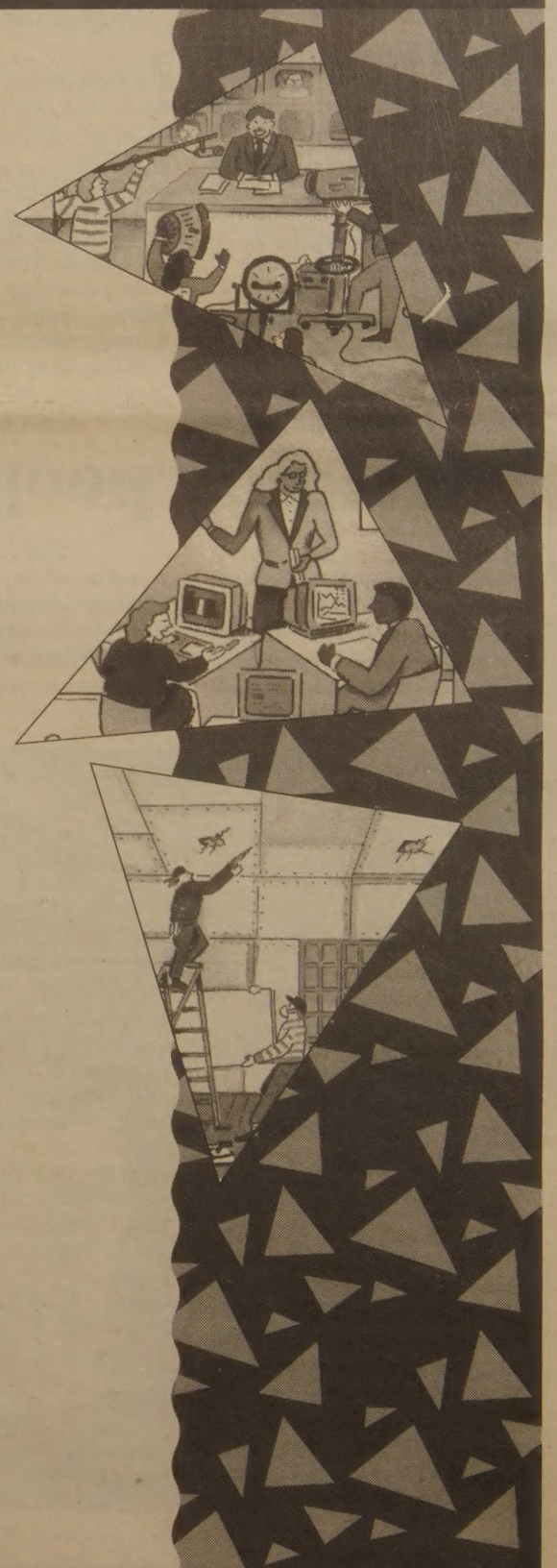
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Give me flesh: tattoos from The Underground

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Early in the 1980s beneath the roar of glam — rock, the soles of breakdancers and pop art, a mind-altering medium was smoldering in the shadows, waiting for the right moment to emerge. An unknown artist basked in the shadows, inhaling the medium and releasing his passion on paper and the backs of jean-jackets: lust for a gun.

Six years ago, Chris Reynolds, 26, transferred his passion onto flesh, unaware that soon he would emerge from the underground as one of the most talented tattoo artists in Ontario, if not Canada.

"Once you go further out west there are better tattoo artists, but there are very few in Ontario," said Reynolds, momentarily diverting his concentration from the tattoo he was finishing. Witnessing Reynolds's capability proves that there is little competition in the Niagara Region for an artist of his calibre.

Reynolds launched his career by running Adventure Tattoo in Toronto, and Mississauga. There, he learned the mechanics of tattooing, such as sterilization, but admits he learned more about the meat of tattooing (tattooing itself) on his own. He then found solace at Midway in Toronto, under the direction of "Tatu Manitu." After a year, Reynolds moved to Accents On Skin, also in Toronto.

A few more shuffles in places of employment and Reynolds decided



A walking portfolio uncovers an explosion on skin created by Chris Reynolds, owner of The Underground Tattoo Shop.

that since he couldn't put up with the quirks and attitudes of his employers, he'd open his own tattoo palace.

The result is the Underground Tattoo Shop, 234 St. Paul St., in downtown St. Catharines, beside the martial arts studio. Inside, the walls of the shop melt into a giant collage, offering a diversity of tattoo suggestions for the undecided.

"I like doing realistic (artwork); blackwork, faces, lizards and

skulls," said Reynolds. Celtic and cartoon tattoos are not among his favorite, and he doesn't like reworking other people's pieces, but usually he will tattoo any picture and put it anywhere the client desires.

"Because of what I've seen on my friends, it interests me enough to want to get one myself, even though I've never wanted one before," said G. "Ponch" Stevenson, 26, of St. Catharines.

Reynolds's talent coupled with

Photo by Jenn Sheridan
top of the line Spalding-Rogers equipment, which he buys from New York, supplies him with the ability to construct realistic images.

"He has the steadiest, finest work. Definitely the best blackwork. His colors stay really well, too," said Dave "Crybaby" Eller, 22. "If you want a tattoo, you go to the best and the best is Chris Reynolds."

Making mistakes are a part of learning and although Reynolds said he has had his share of learn-

ing, he's never had any complaints.

One mistake Reynolds will never make is toying with the risk of infection. He emphasizes that every needle he uses is brand new, opening the package in front of customers for reassurance. Infections are created when a needle is used more than once. The head actually sharpens with each use, which cuts into the skin.

Using cheap ink often causes infection as well. Reynolds uses only top quality inks and offers creative pigments such as an orange ink that glows under blacklight and is looking into purchasing revolutionary ink that is noticeable only under blacklight.

The average price for skin art is \$40 for women (usually because women choose smaller tattoos) and \$80 to \$100 for men. Reynolds charges by the piece or by the hour depending on the type and size of the tattoo. The Underground Tattoo Shop usually opens at 2 p.m., but customers can call 984-5119 for an appointment or drop into the St. Paul Street shop and talk to Reynolds.

Color, blackwork, portraits, wildlife or your own drawing, Reynolds's several years of experience have prepared him for any challenge.

Reynolds is not a man of many words. His creations are his gift and his form of communication. His expression explodes on skin and has satisfied all those who have dared to become his walking portfolios.

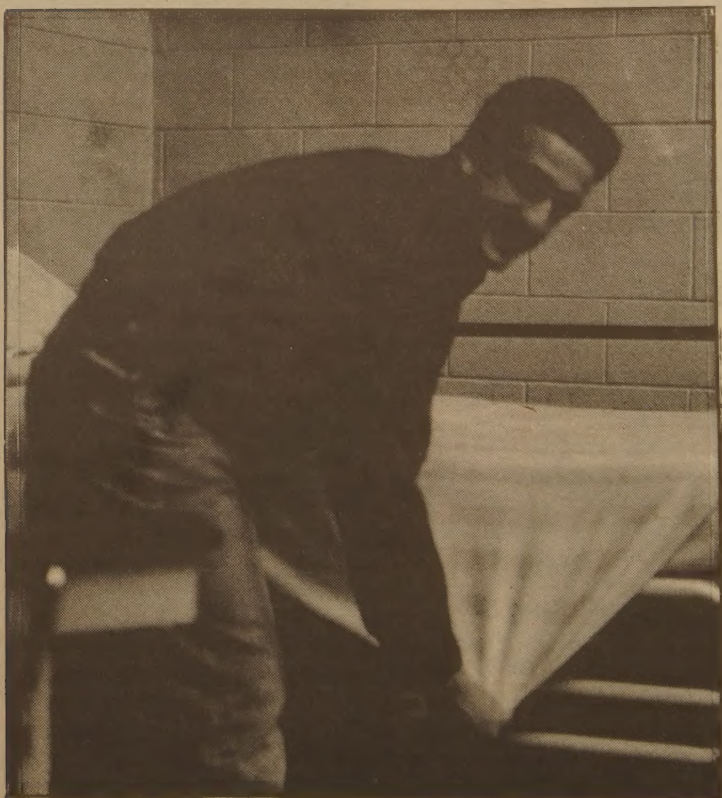
Helping people not gender specific

By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

Leo Priore enjoys helping people so much he has decided to make a

career out of it.

Priore, 22, of St. Catharines, is a first-year student at the Niagara College Mack Centre for Nursing



in St. Catharines. While helping people has always been an interest, Priore said the challenge of learning and keeping up-to-date on technological advances is what really pushes him to do well.

Priore is in a field where, traditionally, females dominate the job site and although he is a minority he said that he does not experience discrimination. "It's still an oddity (to be a male nurse) but as long as I do my best I'm supported like every other student is, male or female," he said.

Priore does notice, however, that because he is male, people believe he has a better opportunity to get a job. "I hear people say that I will get hired more quickly because I'm male; but because we are in the health care profession, gender does not matter. The hospitals will hire me because I'm the best nurse for the job," he said.

As a former high school football star at Holy Cross Secondary School, Priore was apprehensive about telling his friends about becoming a nurse, but found that his good friends not only accepted his decision but were enthusiastic and encouraging.

Priore said it has gotten to the point where his friends are even coming to him with "aches, pains and health questions."

Priore is not looking too far ahead of his studies right now but hopes to one day work in an intensive care unit or emergency room. "The amount of work we have to do requires a day-by-day attitude, but

for my future I would eventually like to work an ICU or ER," he said. A leadership role as a head nurse or unit manager is also a consideration "somewhere down the line."

Traditionally,

females dominate

the job site

Janice Vallance, Priore's clinical instructor, has noticed a resurgence of males entering the nursing program. He said Priore is extremely caring and sensitive with his patients. Vallance also added Priore is willing to take the time to properly learn all the practices and methods of nursing. "Leo is willing to go the extra mile and he pushes himself to get a good handle on his studies."

Priore said he is "extremely happy" and is working hard at becoming the best nurse he can possibly be. He said he would like to see more men enter the nursing field but it is a "huge personal choice" and would encourage anyone to enter nursing.

Priore is sure he will one day be working as a nurse and realizes the hard work that lies ahead of him. "It is difficult but all the hard work will pay off in the end."

First-year nursing student Leo Priore practises his hospital corners on a bed at the Niagara College Mack Centre for Nursing in St. Catharines.

Photo by Gregory Kelly

SAC bash

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council is having a party and you're invited.

SAC is having its year end bash on Thursday, April 29, at Smart Alex Bar and Grill and Bar, 3540 Schmon Pkwy., in Thorold.

Tickets, costing \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door, are on sale at the SAC office at After Hours. Only 550 tickets will be available and "we're guaranteed to sell out," said Brad Billard, vice-president social of SAC.

The first 200 people to buy tickets will receive a free baseball cap with a "Year End Bash" logo, a blue suede brim as well as the college name on the back. The hats are valued at about \$15 each. Within the first four hours 180 tickets were sold. One hundred additional hats will be on sale for \$12 each on April 19.

There will be a Designated Driver program available which includes free pop to the designated driver. Each driver will be given a button as well as a black "X" on their hand. There will be a separate line for advance ticket holders, a pizza special as well as a full menu available to all.

The only change to the party from last year, which 600 people attended, is that a disc jockey will spin the tunes as opposed to a live band. SAC is working out a deal with a taxi company to offer students a special rate for the shuttle to Welland.

First Home Team house nears completion

By ELIE BENDAVID

Staff Writer

The Home Team has reached the home stretch.

John and Sylvia Vukovich of Flamborough, Ont., and their two children, Melissa, eight, and Michael, five, are preparing to move into the 3,100-square-foot house built by the Home Team project.

They bought the house in February for \$280,000, and are getting ready to close the deal at the end of April. The house is scheduled for completion next week.

John, 38, who was born and raised in Niagara Falls, bought into a business in Port Colborne and has been commuting for about a year. He and his partner, Douglas Frazer, operate the Kwik Mix concrete mixing plant on Highway 3, about three kilometers from the Vukovich's new home.

Frazer, 55, of Wainfleet is glad to see his partner and brother-in-law move closer to the plant. When Frazer's partner, George Morrison retired in December 1991 he told John who bought him out.

"We have become a lot more aggressive since John's advent,

we formed strategic alliances with similar companies in North Bay and Kingston. That enables us to supply northern and western Ontario and cuts out expensive shipping costs," Frazer said.

The long drive before and after a long day was pretty tough, John said, and he was glad to find the home he was looking for so close to the business.

"I drove by the house every day, and when my partner told me it was for sale, we contacted Joanne (Ross, the project co-ordinator) and told her we were interested in buying the

The family is waiting for their children's school year to end before moving.

The house is built on seven hectares (2.9 acres) on Highway 3 just west of Port Colborne in Wainfleet and was part of a project that provided jobless workers multi-skill construction training. The Home Team's goal was to provide the 16-member crew with skills that would make them more employable in the areas of roofing, bricklaying, carpentry, framing and concrete work.

"Building the house was really incidental to what we were trying to do," said Bob Cloes, general manager Port Colborne-Wainfleet Community Futures. "We wanted to give the participants the best possible training available."

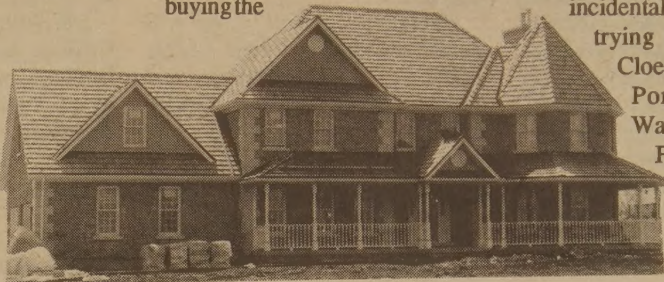
The 15 man, one woman team attended a 12-week preliminary training program at Port Colborne High School. The training included: architectural drafting, mechanical drafting, technical math, life skills, literacy, wood-working and bricklaying. They started construction in early October 1992.

"I had no construction training before I started," said Ron Weston

house," John said.

Sylvia, 38, who is also a Niagara Falls native is "not as excited" about the move, but loves her new home and is anxious to help out her husband in any way she can, even if it means leaving her friends in Flamborough.

"I really love Flamborough, but moving will make it easier for my husband. Besides I've always liked that style of house," she said.



Standing in front of The Home Team house on Highway 3 are (from left): Gaetan Lafontaine, Doug Siddall, Dale Hart, Mike Gibson, Jerry Lafontaine, Calvin Young, John Vukovich (owner) and Guy Salvatori (instructor).

Photo by Elie BenDavid

The Cheez Whiz-Kid

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

I have an addiction.

Many have their vice, be it booze, sex, or cocaine. I, on the other hand, wrestle another demon. Cheez-Whiz.

As laughable as it may seem, it's getting to be more expensive than a bad smoking habit. I can go through five to six jars a week, and that's not including the occasional jar of 'Mexican Style'.

I love it.

I can eat it with anything, french fries, soup, cereal, cheese, anything.

The happy orange coloring, the almost sensual texture, it's even vacuum sealed for freshness.

It's amazing.

Have you ever seen Cheez-Whiz go bad? It doesn't. This is because plastic is non-biodegradable, and there is enough plastic in a 500 gram jar to make a prosthetic hand. In fact, it only gets better with age. I have a lovely little jar of 1976 vintage I've been saving for just that special occasion.

I'm a Whizhead.

If I wasn't so deathly afraid of needles, I'd probably mainline it.

The name Cheez-Whiz itself is an enigma. What should conjure up images of congealed urine instead sets mouths to waterin'.

The taste is addictive, falling somewhere between a mild brie cheese and stucco. Kids love it, old folks love it, even bikers love it (even though it's a headache to get out of a beard.)

There are little or no side-effects from the constant abuse of Cheez-Whiz, aside from mild acne, bad breath and occasional irregularity.

So go ahead. Make that jar of Cheez-Whiz a jar of Cheez-Was. Be a Whizhead.

'We were happy with the workmanship.'

"When you see people who were drug addicts, and people who could never hold down a job, and then you see the enthusiasm and the pride they showed in building this house, that's how I measure their success," he said.

Although many of them have not found jobs, Salvatori said he is confident they have the skills that are necessary to find work in the construction industry.

We can't measure the success of this project until they all find work, but right now there are tradesman who aren't working. When the market picks up they'll all find jobs, he said.

"We were really happy with the workmanship...they surpassed all the requirements," Vukovich said. "I'm even planning on hiring one of them on at the plant."

Home Teamer finds job

By ELIE BENDAVID
Staff Writer

Gaetan (Gates) Lafontaine, 33, of Port Colborne, a Home Team member, has found work with the man for whom he built the house.

John Vukovich, 38, and his partner, Doug Frazer, 55, have hired Lafontaine as a production assistant at the Kwik Mix cement mixing plant, in Port Colborne.

Vukovich is the owner of the Home Team house built on Hwy. 3 in Wainfleet just west of Port Colborne.

"Gaetan is a big, capable worker and is eager to work," Vukovich said.

Lafontaine starts work today.

Children at Niagara College turn students' heads

By ROBIN GREEN

Staff Writer

The sight of small children being led around the hallways or being served cookies in the cafeteria sometimes turns heads at Niagara College.

These children spend their weekdays at the Early Childhood Education Centre, a day-care centre at the Mackenzie building of the Welland campus.

The majority of the children enrolled in the day-care centre belong to either Niagara College students or faculty members, and a

few are children from the surrounding community. The centre, open all year with the exception of a two-week shutdown during the summer, is run by qualified day-care instructors with help from the students from the Early Childhood Education program.

The program is two years in length and has over 200 students enrolled. Between 80 and 90 students graduate from the program annually. Until last year the job placement rate was about 90 per cent. However, with the current economic recession, the placement rate for this year and last has been

lower, said Allison Soave, the program's co-ordinator.

As part of the program, the students get hands-on experience by working with the children at the day-care centre on campus as well as through field placement to early childhood education settings off campus. This year, five graduates have been offered permanent jobs through their field placement, Soave said.

The students are taught how to plan activities for young children in a day-care setting, some of which include art, science and drama.

The students "plan activities that

encourage the growth of the whole child — social, emotional, physical, intellectual and the development of language," said Soave. Graduating students are qualified to work for various early childhood education institutions such as day-care centres and nursery schools.

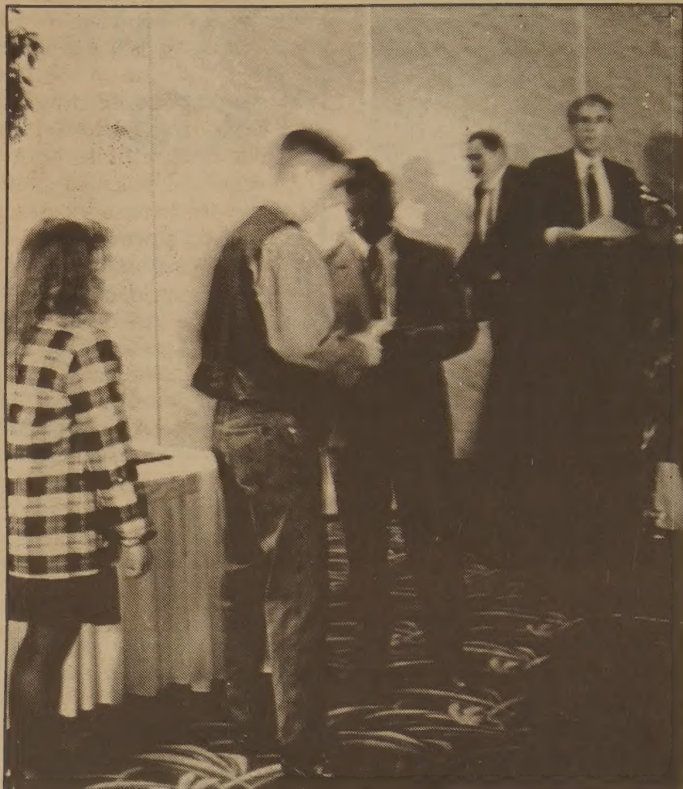
Over 200 students enrolled

An information pamphlet issued by the college states students wishing to become an early childhood educator should have a good under-

standing of adults and children, have an interest in working with and teaching children, as well as possess patience, understanding and good physical and mental health. Therefore, while the sight of very young children around a college campus can be surprising at first, it is always uplifting to see the dedicated adults that spend their days caring for these children. As well, the sound of little voices singing a song in the cafeteria while waiting for the morning snack can't help but improve the mood of any over-worked teacher or stressed-out student.

SPORTS

Stayzer, Sinclair take top athletic honors



Dan Macnab receives a \$250 scholarship from Dale Deloughery, president of the Student Administrative Council. Tracy Niesen waits in line for her award.

Photo by Amy Neilands

By **STUART MCDONALD**
and **TINA YOUNG**
Staff Writers

The envelopes please.

And now, the female and male athletes of the year at Niagara College are . . . Donnell Stayzer and Rick Sinclair.

Niagara College's 24th annual athletic awards banquet was held at the Ameri-Cana Hotel in Niagara Falls on March 30. Other major awards went to Amy Charko and Brian Dekker who were honored as the freshman athletes of the year.

Sinclair and Stayzer said they were surprised to receive the top honor. Sinclair said he wasn't expecting it because the award usually goes to someone who plays more than one sport.

Sinclair, a Tool and Dye Maker program student from St. Catharines and a point guard on the basketball team, helped lead the team to a bronze medal in the Ontario College Athletic Association championships. He was also a first-team league all-star.

Stayzer, from Wainfleet, was a co-captain of the women's volleyball team which had the best regular season record of any sports team at Niagara. Despite a 10-6 record, the women's volleyball team did

not make the playoffs. Stayzer, however, was named to the OCAA all-star team which has six spots available to athletes from 13 Ontario colleges.

Charko, the female freshman Athlete of the Year, was also a member of the women's volleyball team. From Wheatley, Ont., she was also surprised at her personal victory. "With all of us returning next year, if we work hard we can win the Ontario championships," she said.

Another volleyball player was named the male freshman Athlete of the Year. Dekker of Fonthill said he hopes the men's team will do as well next year even though some players won't be returning.

Most Valuable Player awards were offered in women's volleyball, men's volleyball, basketball and hockey.

Tammy Froese, a Fashion Arts and Merchandising program student, received the MVP for women's volleyball. Froese came to Niagara from Saskatoon, Sask., and was a co-captain of the volleyball team.

Jim Konrad, from Leamington, Ont., was the men's volleyball MVP. He said the MVP award was nice, but added the team's bronze

medal in the Division 2 championships was enough reward for him.

Rick Sinclair, the male Athlete of the Year, also received the basketball MVP award. Sinclair said he might not be back at Niagara next year depending on whether he finds a job over the summer. "Regardless of whether I come back or not they (the basketball team) will have a good team." He added the basketball team might move up to Division 1 next year, "but they will do all right."

Pat Skuta, a first-year General College program student from Welland, won the hockey MVP award. Skuta, a defenceman, was offered the captaincy for next year's hockey team.

Athletes of Distinction awards went to Sinclair, Konrad, Merv Wrighton, Scott Currie and Paul Grummett for basketball, Andrew Clark and Dale Zimmerman for hockey, and to Sean Ellis for badminton and touch football.

Meanwhile, five athletes were awarded scholarships from the college's Student Administrative Council. They were Stayzer, Froese, Sinclair and Dan McNab of the basketball team and Tracey Niesen of the curling team.

Caps 'dark horse' to win Stanley Cup

By **STUART MCDONALD**
Staff Writer

The Stanley Cup. I have a huge poster of it in my room and aside from Dickie Moore's autograph, the only letters on it spell out the motto, "inscribed with dreams."

Dreams, oh wonderful dreams. Since the introduction of the Stanley Cup 100 years ago, many Canadian children have dreamed about winning the trophy and becoming legends. The Rocket, the Golden Jet, the Great One and now the Magnificent One are part of Canadian history.

But wait! These dreams are there for the very young and very talented hockey supporters. What about the rest of us? What do we have? Something very special. Something dear to every football fan too old or too incompetent to play in the NHL. Yes my friends: the playoff hockey pool.

Over the last four years I've been lucky enough to win \$325 in cold, hard, tax-free Canadian currency. With these lofty credentials, I will offer — free of charge — my predictions for this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

My first piece of advice? Don't bet! This year is a toss-up and except for Pittsburgh in the Patrick Division, any team that makes the playoffs can reach the semifinals.

If most of you reading this are

like me, however, I know there is no way I can stop you from betting, so here goes.

As I said before, Pittsburgh should win the Patrick. They will squeak by Washington in the division finals. If Washington wins — and they might — the Capitals will romp to their first Stanley Cup. Why? With Al Iafrate and Kevin Hatcher on defence, the best no-name offence in hockey, and Dale Hunter playing at his irritating best, the Caps are my dark horse team to win it all.

Boston will defeat Buffalo easily in the Adams Division final unless Boston wins the division. If this happens then Boston will beat a Quebec team (I know! I'm gutless!) in the division final. There are five reasons why Boston will win the division final: Adam Oates, Cam Neely, Joe Juneau, Andy Moog and Ray Bourque.

The Norris Division is a minefield for a prognosticator. So I will say that either Detroit, Toronto or Chicago will make the semifinals and beat the winner of the Smythe Division.

Vancouver will be the Smythe winner, but who cares because they're not going anywhere this year. Give Pavel Bure, Petr Nedved and Jyrkka Lumme a few more years to develop and the Canucks will be challenging Quebec and Philadelphia for the Stanley Cup in 1996.

Legalized betting adds 'twist'

Make 'easy money' with Pro-Line

By **KEITH HOBBS**
Staff Writer

The boys of summer are back from their winter retreats all ready for the long haul of a 162-game schedule. This year there is a new twist to baseball in Canada, legalized betting brought to you by the people from Sports Select.

With the hockey season coming to an end, Sport Select is hoping baseball will keep the money coming in. The rules are slightly different from those of hockey, football and basketball in that there are no ties, you must pick a winner. You will also have to wait for the odds on each game which will be available the day before games to allow for pitching match-ups.

Pro Line has handed out some

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\$57 million in winnings since it started last year.

Roy McDonald, 22, of Welland figures he's collected his share of "easy money." McDonald, a former Radio, Television and Film Broadcasting program student, has "cashed in winners" numerous times, once he won over \$400 in one week.

Baseball will not keep McDonald betting on those Pro Line tickets. He says the amount off games in baseball make it unpredictable from night to night.

"Over 162 games, even the good teams lose to the worst of teams, it isn't like hockey and basketball where there are upsets once or twice a week, in baseball there are going to be upsets every night," he said.

Niagara College Foundation to receive funds from May 31 golf tournament

By **GREGORY FURMINGER**
Staff Writer

The third annual Niagara College Invitational Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 31, at St. Catharines Golf and Country Club.

An entry fee of \$160 includes a tax receipt for \$65, 18 holes of golf, an electric golf cart, complimentary lunch, lockers and towels, a color photograph of your foursome, an

awards banquet and video coverage of the award winners.

Hole-in-one prizes include a 1993 Nissan Altima valued at \$18,032, a \$2,000 Air Canada travel voucher, a set of custom-made clubs worth \$1,784 and a prize of \$1,000 cash and a \$250 gift certificate from Perrier/O'Doul's. Prizes are provided by various businesses in the peninsula.

The tournament is open to anyone in the community. Money raised will go to the Niagara College Foundation, a fundraising arm of the college. Last year's earnings were spent on books for the college library.

Registration deadline is May 18 and is limited to 144 participants. For further information contact Sophie Aggelonitis at 641-2232.

SPORTS

All Kings' men couldn't stop Celtics from winning again

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

With the memory of Legendary Larry Bird still whispering in the hallways, the fans at the Boston Garden are whipped into a frenzy as the Celtics win their eighth and ninth straight games.

Recently I had a chance to experience the thrill of seeing the Boston Celtics play on their home court. The Celt's took on the Sacramento Kings winning 110-89 on March 29.

With Robert Parish out because of a sprained left ankle he received during the first quarter of a March 28 game against the Washington Bullets, Joe Kleine got a rare chance to be part of the Celtics starting lineup. Kleine, the seven-foot centre, hauled in a career high 20 rebounds, scoring seven points in 32 minutes against the team who acquired him as a rookie in 1985.

The Celt's held the Kings to only 15 points in the first period of play. Fans at the sold-out Garden cheered as Kleine guarded Wayman Tisdale

of the Kings, holding him to only nine points in 22 minutes of play.

It was only fitting that on Oscar night Kevin "Oscar" Gamble came off the bench sticking his first five shots. He went on to finish the night with 28 points, bagging 11 of 16 attempts. The crowd was brought to its feet as Gamble stuck an end-of-quarter desperation heave.

Sherman Douglas and Dee Brown, always favorites with the fans, each finished with 10 points, as did Alaa Abdalnaby who is in his second year with the team.

As the minutes ticked away in the fourth quarter it became increasingly obvious that the Kings didn't have what it takes to beat the red-hot Celtics. Fans became restless and some started to exit the Garden secure in their thoughts that the Celtics had won their eighth straight game (15 or their last 18 at home).

Boston vs. Philadelphia, March 31. Fans had some concerns that the winning streak would end, but the boys from Beantown pulled off a 109-103 victory over the Sixers.

With Parish sitting out his second straight game and veteran Kevin McHale going scoreless in 23 minutes for the second time this year the



Celtics had to rely on their youth for a victory.

At the start of the fourth quarter the Sixers led 82-78, it seemed likely that this time the Celt's would not come out victorious.

With Reggie Lewis scoring 10 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter, and Gamble bagging nine of his 26 points in the same stretch, the Celtics- yet again- made up for

some of their earlier defensive negligence.

As one spectator at the Garden shouted after McHale was caught for an illegal defense technical foul in the second quarter "How can you call it illegal defense when they don't play any?"

After Armon Gilliam of the Sixers opened the fourth with a hook the Celt's began to pick up steam.

Gamble shot a three-pointer, followed by a 20-foot fadeaway. Xavier McDaniel canned a 15-footer to bring the Celtics into the lead. From then on it was a fight to the finish with the lead shifting six times in the last eight minutes.

With 1:10 left the Celtics led 106-101 and after that the Sixers never regained the lead.

The crowd was on its feet, screaming, clapping, hearts pump-

ing. It was as if the Celtics of the mid-1980's were back. The last time the team won nine in a row was back in the days when Larry Bird led the team to the 1986 Championship title, Kevin McHale had two good feet and Robert Parish (the oldest player in the NBA at 39) was only 32 years old.

Speculators have said that without Bird the Celtics would falter. Of course the Celtics have had a difficult year, having to restructure the team after the loss of Bird, who retired because of back problems after playing on the Dream Team in the 1992 Olympics. But the Celtics are once again proving that they are a team with versatile players and they are also proving that their fourth-quarter play can overcome some of the greatest obstacles, and that they may once again bring the title back to Boston.

Bettman's realignment done deal for NHL

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

National Hockey League realignment is a done deal.

After many years of debate, the NHL under the direction of commissioner Gary Bettman, has officially changed the league set-up and playoff format for the upcoming season.

The new system will reflect that of the NBA in which the top eight teams in each conference will make the playoffs.

In each conference, eight teams will be chosen on the basis of total points, regardless of division standings, with the exception of the division champions, who will be seeded one and two regardless of their point totals.

This system should quiet all critics who've cried foul in the past, when they've had to watch a team with a 60-point season make playoffs, whereas, a more talented club with 75 points did not, only because they were in a tougher division.

The playoff format will be conducted in the following manner: within each conference, the No.1 team will meet the No.8 team, No.2 team will meet the No.7 team and so on. The winners of each conference will play for the Stanley Cup.

To ease already existing confusion and help broaden the game to a larger American audience, the league has trashed the Campbell and Wales Conference names and substituted them with the Western and Eastern Conferences.

The four divisions will also be renamed, somewhat accordingly.

The Western Conference

(Campbell) will house the Central (Norris) and Pacific (Smythe) divisions, whereas, the Eastern Conference (Wales) will contain the Northeast (Adams) and Atlantic (Patrick).

Now as for teams realigning, are you ready for this - Pittsburgh will move to the Northeast (Adams), Winnipeg will move to the Central (Norris), Tampa Bay will go to the Atlantic (Patrick) along with one of the two expansion teams coming in the league, Miami. The other expansion team, Anaheim, is headed for the Pacific (Smythe).

As for the teams not mentioned, they will remain in their present division, the only change being that of their division name.

Although the Minnesota North Stars are moving to Dallas next season, they will remain in the Central (Norris) division.

And for all those Leaf fans who were hoping their team would get in the Northeast (Adams) division, don't give up hope. Rumor has it, next season will be the last for the Hartford Whalers, because of plans to change cities, thus vacating a long-desired spot for the boys in blue.

Overall, realignment for the 1993-94 season looks like a step in the right direction for the league. Simplifying some aspects of the game will help capture more fans and retain present ones.

As a longtime fan of hockey and the NHL, I just hope the league does not sell out by altering the true game itself in exchange for entertainment dollars.

Come join the 'Church of the Squared Circle'

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

Once in a while a feeling comes over you, slow and easy. It creeps up on you (those feelings that hit you like a ton of bricks usually lead you astray) and plants itself in your mind, example: the truth about wrestling.

Wrestling is real . . . I know this now. How could I have ever doubted its authenticity? The truth has shone down on me, actually it was the light refracting off Brett "The Hitman" Hart's hair. I am a born again

wrestling fanatic, I pray at the Church of the Squared Circle. God even throws on the trunks once in a while. In the early 60s he wrestled under the assumed name Billy "The Creator" O'Malley with a record of 60 and 1 losing only to Nick "The Hellfire" Horowitz, this is only after Horowitz tossed sand in "The Creator's" eyes.

Wrestlemania 9 (IX for you Romans out there) put me in a full-nelson of truth. I watched and I believed. Well, I watched about 15 minutes of it, even

though I know it isn't real, it still upsets my stomach.

To watch a match is to behold artistic carnage, a combination of poetry and pipe bombs. It is war set to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, blood, guts and Beethoven that is the essence of wrestling.

Those unbelievers out there, or heretics as we in the church call you, must stop fighting the truth. Open your mind to the beauty of wrestling and believe. If you don't you might find yourself being suplexed into submission.

'I'm the real thing, no steroids here': Shmidt

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

Oliver Shmidt has a dream.

The 380-pound monolith, a Niagara College film student, wants to be the champion of the World Championship Wrestling (WCW).

At 12, arriving in Canada from his native Austria, Shmidt was immediately taken by the sport and has followed it religiously since.

Now, at 23, he is ready to cash in on all those hours spent studying the

art of wrestling. Billing himself as "The Mad Austrian", Shmidt wants in the ring.

"I've been working really hard for this," he says with a thick accent. "It's my turn."

Although he has no real ring experience, he keeps up to date on the latest moves, practising them on any who dare be his "guinea-pig of pain." He also has a strict regimen, sometimes working out up to three times a week, except in the summer, "because it's just too damn hot."

The massive, yet surprisingly agile, young man keeps his "fighting weight" by eating up to seven meals a day.

What's the motivation? It's not the money he's interested in.

"I want the glory. I know I'm just as good as or better than Sting or Big Van Vader [headliners in the WCW]. I'm the real thing. No steroids here."

Although living in Welland doesn't present many chances for him to ply his trade, he is planning a move to Los Angeles in the summer. There he will try to get an audition for wrestling honcho Gene Tunney.

"Don't worry," says the giant, smiling, "I'll remember all the little people."



Niagara College film student, Oliver Shmidt, shows his winning form.

Photo by Craig Litchfield

Veteran of 21 years looking forward to retirement

By ELIZABETH BROWN
Staff Writer

In his 21st year at the Welland campus of Niagara College Tom Bowes, 62, is retiring. Bowes has been an asset to the Media and Communication department as a technician. Bowes says he feels sad to say goodbye to all his friends at the college, but is looking forward to retirement.

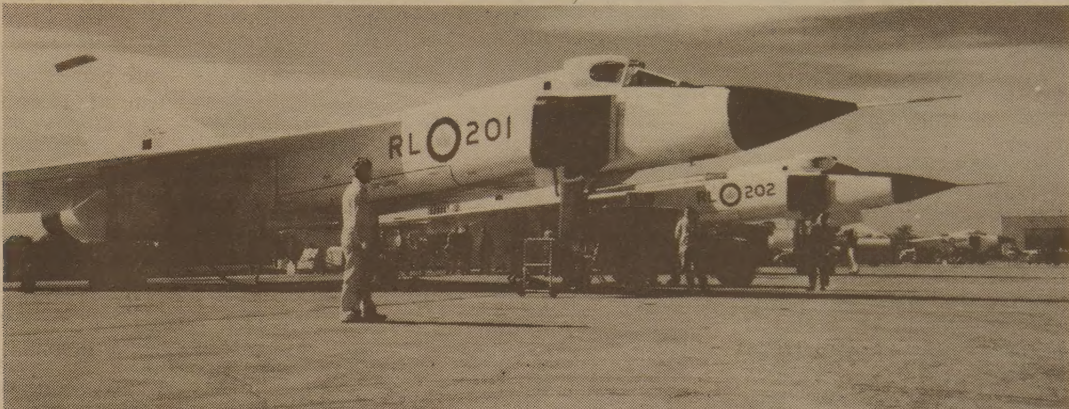
Living in Welland, Bowes and his wife, who is also retired, plan to travel back to their home town of Timmins. The couple has not made any definite plans for the future. After 27 years of not fishing, Bowes applied for a fishing licence for when he visits Timmins. He said he enjoys spending time gardening and working on motorcycles.

Prior to coming to Niagara, he worked in the gold mines in Timmins. Bowes said he has mixed feelings about accepting the early leave incentive. "It will take a little while to sink in," but he is happy about retiring. Seeing many changes at the college, he said "they come so slowly you don't really notice and assume they were always

there." Dave Abraham, director of the college's Business Studies division, has known Bowes since he started at the college. "Tom should be looking at the future and making sure he enjoys himself." "It is very nice that my co-workers appreciate my help over the years," says Bowes smiling.



TOM BOWES



The Avro Arrow was a supersonic all-weather jet interceptor aircraft ahead of world design and function. It's expensive construction doomed it. Production plants closed 1959. All evidence of its existence was destroyed.

Photo courtesy of Avro Aircraft Ltd.

Local resident recalls Avro Arrow

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

It's been 34 years since Canada lost a national treasure: the Avro Arrow.

The supersonic all-weather jet interceptor was ahead of world technology in design and function.

"The Arrow was a plane without equal and considered by many to be 20 years ahead of its time," says a book entitled *Avro Arrow by the Arrowheads*.

Construction took place at the Avro plant in Malton, Ont.

Twenty-eight months after the blueprints were released the first Arrow was officially displayed for the Canadian government, Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) and the public on Oct. 4, 1957.

The delta-winged Avro Arrow "contained 38,000 separate parts, 11 miles of wiring and enough tubes to equip 200 TV sets," said Cy Luce, 73, of 18 Allan Dr., in St. Catharines who was in charge of staff recruitment and employment at the Avro plant. "It also had 800 fuses and switches, enough air conditioning to equip a 50-room mansion, and it had a bomb bay that was quite capable of carrying a hydrogen bomb."

Soon after the Second World War, Russia's military ability was a concern to Canada's armed forces.

"Recognizing the need for an aircraft to counter the threat of the Soviet bombers over the demanding Canadian North," wrote John Kirton in the Canadian Encyclopedia. "Enthusiastic RCAF officers, defence scientists and defence-industry officials had persuaded the Liberal government to authorize two prototype airframes."

Planning and development was "so successful that one step was left out entirely by going directly to a production aircraft instead of a prototype," says the book *Avro Arrow*.

Although the Avro Arrow was considered a jet, "in size, the Avro Arrow is more like an airliner than a fighter plane," said Luce.

The weight of the Arrow was 32 tonnes.

The first flight was in March 1958 by test pilot Jan Zurakowski.

All Avro pilots had to have an engineering degree, said Luce.

Only four test pilots ever flew the Arrow: Spud Potocki, Peter Cope, RCAF test pilot Lieut. Jack Woodman and Zurakowski.

The five Arrows built and flown had a total of 70 hours and 30 minutes for 66 flights.

Funding was provided by Canada's federal government led by Liberal leader Louis St. Laurent.

From 1954 until 1959, \$335 million was spent on the Avro Arrow, wrote Murray Peden in his book *Fall of an Arrow*.

"The Arrow program was . . . the most costly one in the Department of National Defence," wrote Peden.

The Avro plant had 14,000 employees and 2,500 subcontractors and suppliers in conjunction with Avro adding 16,000 tradesmen to the Arrow project.

Everything for the Arrow had to be invented and built in Canada.

During a test flight, the Arrow went twice the speed of sound.

"I went out to the experimental hanger and Jan Zurakowski had just landed in one of these 105s (Arrow)," said Luce. "I looked at it and all the leading edges were burnt way back. They had special paint they had to mix up and put on to make them flameproof and heat-proof."

"I said 'How fast did you go Jan?' and he told me 1,700, two and a half times the speed of sound."

On June 10, 1957, the Progressive Conservative Party was elected with John Diefenbaker as

prime minister.

"Indeed, no sooner had the Arrow flown than it was surrounded by controversy," wrote Christopher Shores in the *History of the Royal Canadian Air Force*. "It was clearly too expensive for a nation the size of Canada, and unless export orders of a substantial nature could be achieved, the burden would be crippling."

The time between the years 1957 and 1959 were filled with questions and doubts about the Arrow.

"The newly-elected Progressive Conservative government began searching for areas to reduce government spending, the Arrow naturally came under close scrutiny," wrote A. J. Shortt in his *Avro CF-105 Arrow* report.

The government began to question the "validity of manned fighter aircraft", and the costs involved because "Canada was experiencing a difficult economic period," wrote Shortt.

On Feb. 20, 1959, the Avro Arrow project was stopped and 30,000 people were suddenly out of work.

"Nobody had any idea we were going to be shut down so dramatically," said Luce. "It just shocked everybody."

Diefenbaker ordered all evidence of the Arrow to be destroyed.

"All tooling, jigs, dies, and prototypes were to be destroyed," wrote J. A. Foster in his book *For Love and Glory*. "Experts at home and in England held the view that the future of air defence lay in guided missiles, not manned aircraft."

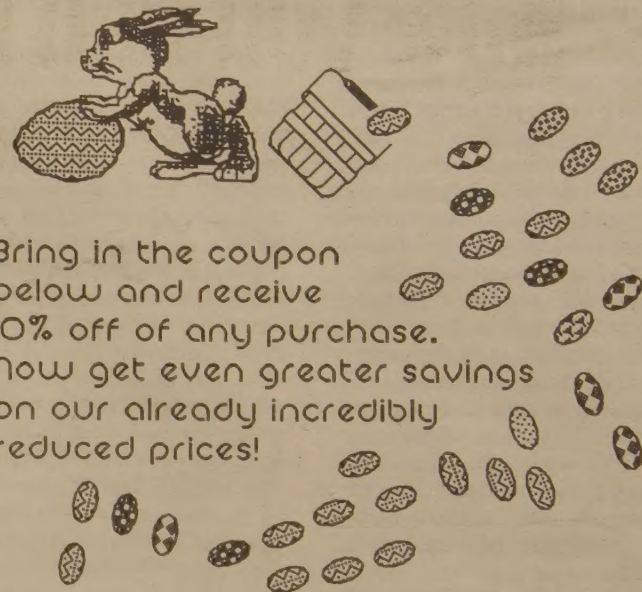
Luce said the destruction of the Arrows was a colossal act of vandalism.

A cockpit and some landing gear survived Diefenbaker's orders and are on display at the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa.



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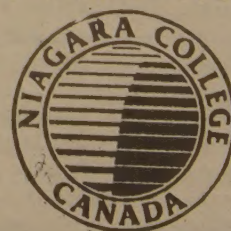
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Sea monsters show up at Seaway Mall

By CAROLINE LECLERC
Staff Writer

Endangered species, monsters of the swamps and deadly serpents are just a few of the reptiles you will see when visiting The Seaway Serpentarium at the Seaway Mall in Welland.

There are about 300 reptiles and 110 species. The Serpentarium consists of snakes, lizards, turtles, crocodiles and alligators.

Karel Fortyn, of Steel Street, in Welland, owns the reptiles which he has kept at his house for the past eight years. He could no longer keep the reptiles because of financial reasons.

Rick Woodward, from Tourism of Welland Niagara, contacted Mike Allen, owner of the Seaway Mall, about the exhibit. They approached

Fortyn and all agreed that it was a good idea.

Tourism of Welland provided \$15,000, while Dr. Alistair Ker, a St. Catharines veterinarian, supplied the majority of funds.

Shaun Wait, who maintains the reptiles at the mall, said it is an ideal spot for the Serpentarium. He said "instead of just shopping people can come in here and learn about the reptiles."

Wait said this is an educational facility. "We've had teachers call us up and book tours. This will teach the kids to respect the reptiles," he said.

"It's very educational. I'm learning a lot about the animals," said Catherine McKelvie, 10, of St. Andrew's School in Welland. Brian Ashby, 5, of St. Kevin's School in

Welland, said "I think they're cool and interesting."

About 25,000 people attended the week of the opening on March 20. Between 900 to 1,000 people visit the Serpentarium daily.

Glorriane Danch, who is an employee, said it is "great" to see so many people. "It makes them conscious of the environment. There are some endangered species here that people will never see in the wild."

"The Serpentarium is the only one of this size and has the finest facility in North America," said Wait.

There is a cover charge to get in the Serpentarium. Tickets for children under five are free, for children aged six to 14, \$2.50 and adults and seniors are \$5.

Thumbs Up for Jack the Bear

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Danny DeVito might not fit anyone's description of a perfect single father. But he plays that role with undying enthusiasm in *Jack The Bear*.

John Leary (DeVito) is a single father trying to raise his sons, Jack (Robert J. Steinmiller Jr.) and Dylan (Miko Hughes) in California in the early 1970s. The rough and tumble spirit in which Leary runs his household captures both the humor and sadness of a man doing his best to get himself and his sons through life's trials and tribulations.

Already haunted by the death of their mother, 12-year-old Jack and three-year-old Dylan experience tough times growing up with their father, who is out of his element trying to hold his family together. Their father John, hosts a latenight television humor/horror show and often has trouble distinguishing between real life and the one he has on TV. Their father, however, makes sure that laughter is never too far away when the harshness of real life comes down on the boys.

The role of Jack is essential in the film as we see it through his eyes. He sees his father John as he is: a man filled with adolescence, not being able to find out

who he really is. Many times, Jack feels like he has to play the father figure, when his dad is out being someone else. Often frustrated and angry with his father, he remains loyal to him regardless.

The film shines with outstanding acting especially from Robert J. Steinmiller Jr., and Miko Hughes. Their characters are strong and memorable throughout the film. Julia Louis-Dreyfus is also unforgettable as Peggy, John's sympathetic co-worker.

The film shines with outstanding acting...

Jack The Bear has a real story with real characters. It is a film in which the characters themselves become the story. The audience becomes engrossed in the life of the Leary family, and the good and bad times they experience. Rarely does a film brilliantly deal so much with the screenplay of the characters to push the story along.

April 17-18

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An open house will be held at the Mackenzie Heritage Printery in Queenston on April 17-18 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Ontario's first press and first newspaper.

The wooden press used to publish the first edition of the *Upper Canada Gazette* April 18, 1793 will

be displayed in the historic building located north of Niagara Falls on the Niagara Parkway. The rare press, believed to be about 250 years old, will not be operated for fear of possible damage.

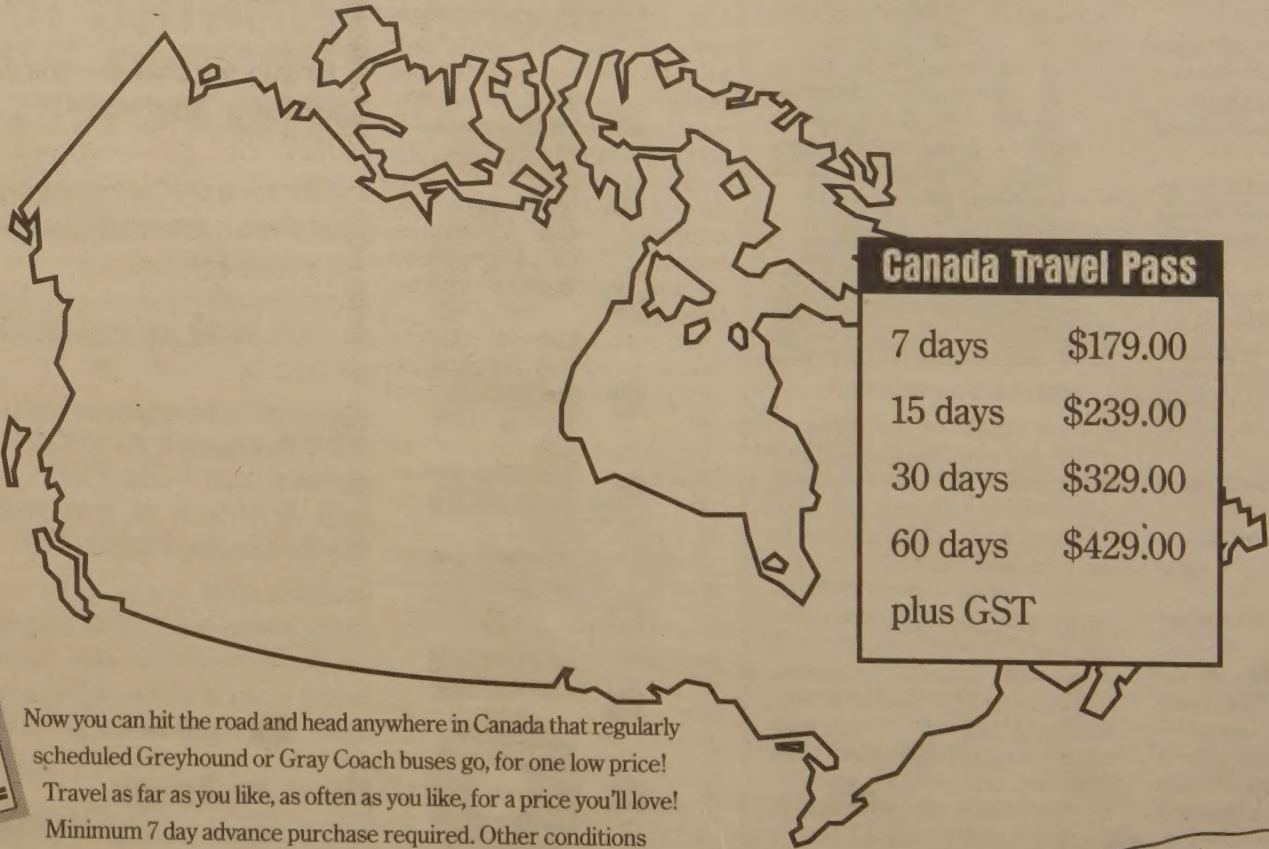
An original copy of the *Upper Canada Gazette* and other material printed on the first press in 1793

and 1794 will be displayed on Sunday during a 2:30 p.m. bicentennial ceremony.

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Bitter winter soon to be a distant memory

By MIKE MICHAUD
Staff Writer

Spring has sprung, and none too soon.

The flocks of chirping birds, the newly budding trees and that unmistakable fragrance of spring are beginning to reappear. After a long, cold winter these signs of better weather come at a time when people's spirits are lowest.

Soon snow storms and wind chill will be but distant memories. Thoughts of wading through slush and stiffening against a bitter Arctic wind will be replaced by dreams of sand between the toes and embracing a gentle breeze.

It is no big surprise to learn that more people get depressed during winter than any other sea-

Column

son. But it seems that, just as snow and ice become absolutely unbearable, a change comes.

The temperature begins to rise and more and more birds drive away Old Man Winter with their songs of spring. Perhaps the best

indication of the coming thaw is not the snow melting, but the shining of the new, warm sun.

Somehow, by some divine intervention, people become cheerful. Smiles appear more often and faces start to glow with an invisible light. Fewer harsh words are spoken and the whole world seems to shine with a new hope that maybe it'll stay warm

forever.

We do know, however, that the cold and dreary winter will return, but not yet. For now all thoughts turn to lying on the beach, sitting by a campfire and falling in love. For now Old Man Winter will be held at bay by the beautiful spring, and the world will grow again. Such is the rite of spring.

'Reflection of season'

Winter depression can actually be SAD

By LORI DUCK
Staff Writer

Spring may be upon us, but most people still have the winter blues.

The scientific term for the "winter blahs" is Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

"SAD is caused by emotional reflection of the season," said R. Bruce Tallon, a psychology teacher at Niagara College.

December through February have the shortest amount of daylight, which causes "a depression or hibernation response," during a particular 60 day period, he said.

A full remission or a change to a worse depression also occur during a particular 60 day period. There has to have been three separate

episodes of seasonal disturbance in three years to be connected with SAD.

SAD can be helped with light therapy, said Tallon. Full spectra lamps, which are used to grow trees, are used to give the individuals more exposure to light. Patients are then exposed to the light for one to two hours.

In an article from Chatelaine magazine Dr. Jeremy Safran, a psychologist at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, says "mood sponges are much more sensitive to their environment." Maybe you are a "mood sponge." Everything is soaked up, from the traffic noise outside to their friends' bad moods. They are more likely to have mood

shifts. Sometimes, they become overly tense and anxious. People become frazzled and on edge, and are unable to reason things out or control their feelings.

What can cure a bad mood or a tense moment? Just smile, the movements taken to smile activate your brain's memory bank and all pleasant memories, says Dr. Aaron Wolfgang, an associate professor of applied psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Everyone has different ways of beating a bad mood or getting out of a depression. Listening to music, talking with friends or writing down your feelings may help you get out of your bad mood.

Agreement to aid finances

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

Niagara College's business administration agreement with Hong Kong's Buddhist College will generate funds for the college, says Dennis Malone, Niagara's international education director.

He said the long-term benefits of the agreement are positive.

"It is going to help the college's finances tremendously."

Malone, who has travelled to Hong Kong several times in order to finalize the agreement, said the program will bring the first wave of second-year business administration students from Hong Kong to Niagara College in September 1994.

Unlike the revenue the college receives from students within the province in which the student's tuition and grant payments

are paid over a three-year period, international students must "pay up front."

Malone said the school is expecting 15 to 20 Hong Kong students in 1994, with an unlimited enrolment policy. The program will boost Niagara College's reputation with the hopes of attracting more students to the college, much like what the Buddhist College expects to do.

The program is self-funded and based strictly on tuition costs in order to eliminate any direct cost to the college.

"The tuition the (Hong Kong) students pay is at the international student rate which is significantly higher," said Malone.

Malone has given the program a kick-start and will be returning to Hong Kong in the fall to monitor the program.

Sorensen acclaimed '93-'94 student council president

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

Kristen Sorensen.

Who is she? Why is her name the lead for this story? Simple. Sorensen will be Niagara College's Student Administrative Council president next year.

She was the only student to run for SAC president this year, and on March 16, she was acclaimed for 1993-94.

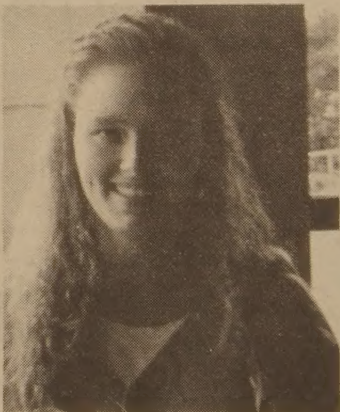
Sorensen, 20, a second-year Law and Security Administration program student from Burlington, is this year's SAC vice-president external. She said she loved her time in office and hopes she will do a good job as president.

"I'm open to suggestions (about the presidency). I'm going to be listening and I'm going to be learning. It's going to be a learning experience."

SAC president Dale Deloughery has been able to help her, she said. "I've been watching Dale to see what he does." She realizes being SAC president involves more than just student council activities and it will mean working on committees such as college council and acting as a student representative, she said.

"I've started going to some meetings already and I should be set for September."

Sorensen is returning to Niagara College next year to take more LASA courses and upgrade her



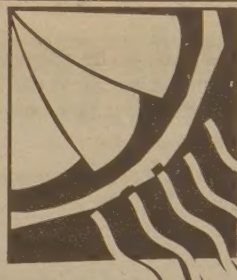
KRISTEN SORENSEN

skills in order to get a diploma.

Her vice-president external projects this year included Shinerama (a fund-raiser for Cystic Fibrosis), the blood donor clinic, aerobics in the gym, and the exhibition of a wrecked car as a reminder about the consequences of impaired driving. She also helped with the food drive and the first pool tournament.

Sorensen said she had no trouble managing her time except with Shinerama. "It was awkward that Shinerama was at the beginning of the year. I had no idea what kind of budget I had or what kind of resources I had. I did have Dale to help me and that was great."

Sorensen said she hopes to repay the favor to next year's vice-president external because she knows how hard it was.



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Superstitions help hockey player through game

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

He tapes his stick the same way before every game, he is always second on the ice and lines up beside the net with his teammates the same way before the start of a game.

Neil Eisenhut is a superstitious British Columbia native playing centre in the American Hockey League for the Hamilton Canucks, the Vancouver Canucks' farm team.

"I'm very superstitious. The guys bug me about it all the time," he said.

Eisenhut, 26, grew up in Osoyoos, B.C., where he admired the playing skills and talent of Wayne Gretzky and the Vancouver Canucks. He has played hockey since he was six years old and gives credit to his parents and his two older brothers for playing a big part in his success at the game.

"My father coached me all the way up through minor hockey and my brothers helped out by pushing me along."

After minor hockey, Eisenhut went on to play for the University of North Dakota for four years and graduated with a degree in business. During his

fourth year, he injured his right knee and had to undergo reconstructive surgery. He said the injury was more of an incentive than a fatality that may have ended his career in hockey.

"It gave me the desire to go a little further. I just worked and worked at it. I think my skating improved because of my work ethic to rehabilitate my knee."

Eisenhut was chosen by the Vancouver Canucks in the 1987 entry draft. He was their 11th choice, 238th overall. He played one year in Milwaukee in the International Hockey League and then came to Hamilton this season to play in the AHL.

Although Eisenhut is enjoying Hamilton, "B.C. is always home," he said.

Eisenhut said the fans in Hamilton are just beginning to come around. The support the team has received was less than overwhelming for the majority of the season.

"It's tough when you're so close to Toronto and the Baby Leafs come in and they (the fans) cheer for the Leafs. That hurts," he said.

Considering this is the team's first year in the city there's always room for improvement.

"I'm sure over time we'll capture their interest," he said.

The team's travelling schedule has been pretty hard on the players this year. There was a point in the season when 19 of 21 games were played on the road.

The home schedule isn't as tough. The team practices for about half an hour on game days and from 1 1/2 to two hours on off days. Eisenhut also does bike work, weights and therapy off the ice.

On off days, Eisenhut does nothing but relax. A movie, a good book or a phone call to his family in British Columbia suits him just fine.

Eisenhut said he would like to make the move to the National Hockey League but he's not sure what's holding him back. A combination of skill, dedication and perseverance is needed to make the move. Not to say that Eisenhut doesn't have these traits, they're just not up to par with NHL standards. The skill already on the Vancouver roster makes the move even harder. With players like Trevor Linden, Pavel Bure and Cliff Ronning, it's hard to find an open position on the team. If anything, the skill on the parent team makes the

players like Eisenhut work harder.

"Of all the guys on the team, Neil's the one most concerned with life after hockey," said Craig Newton, assistant to the director of communications for the Hamilton Canucks.

Eisenhut has no specific plans

when his hockey career is over. With a business degree under his belt he is interested in going into business for himself and moving back to British Columbia where he owns some land.

"It's just a lot for a single house but it's something I bought as an investment," he said.

Lack of officiating results in team ejection

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

Hazardous playing conditions and a "lack of officiating led to a potentially dangerous" situation at an indoor soccer tournament held at the Double Dome Club on Rice Road in Welland on April 3.

An early evening game Saturday turned ugly in a match between an Oakville soccer club and the Welland Knights (a team comprised of Niagara College students).

Last fall the facility fell victim to a ferocious wind storm that caused the roof to collapse, leaving the Dome's operation in turmoil.

"The game got out of control around the halfway mark when racial slurs were exchanged and a fight broke out," said Tio Mascia, the Niagara captain. "One player from Oakville ran to his team's bench, pulled out a shovel and ran

back onto the field threatening us. We weren't about to back down, his intimidation act didn't fool anyone."

"The irony of this whole ordeal is that there was no convener at the field, there was not one organizer willing to get involved, including the referee, and the fact that no one was injured was a miracle," said Pat Mascia, 22, of Niagara Falls, a fan at the game.

The result of the fiasco was an immediate ejection of the Oakville club from the tournament, and after a night of deliberation, an ejection for the Welland Knights from the tournament as well.

"It's a total disgrace, my players were assaulted by a guy with a weapon and no action whatsoever was taken by the Dome," said Niagara College student Sal Iamarino, 21, the team's player-coach. "Furthermore, we were

ejected for no good reason, but by the only fact we were defending ourselves. A lack of officiating led to a potentially dangerous situation."

Iamarino said he was not told of his team's ejection until the next morning while they were warming up for another game.

"When the other team didn't show up to play that morning I knew something was wrong so I went to look for the convener. That's when he told me we were ejected," Iamarino said.

"They told me my team would not receive any refund for the tournament. I told them that was fine because I am going to start a campaign to persuade Niagara regional teams to boycott playing there (Welland Dome). I've put many years into that club and it's very disheartening. To me it's a slap in the face," he added.

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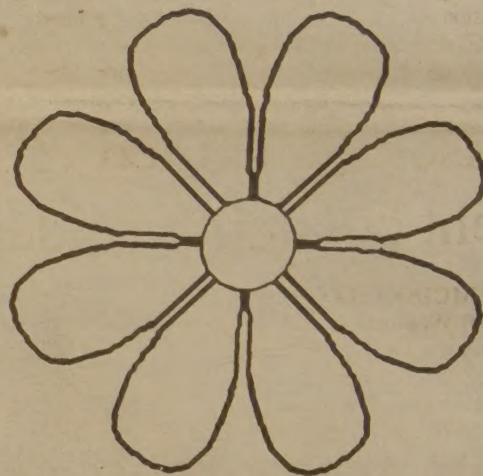


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Backpacking through Europe ideal for students

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

With the dismal employment figures being forecast in Niagara this summer, students may be inclined to just pack up and take off for better things. Backpacking through Europe may be the best experience a student can have, at least it was for Andrew Farmer, a third year university student from western Ontario.

Farmer, 23, recently returned from a three-month backpacking trip that took him through 14 coun-

tries in Europe. He said the trip was worthwhile as well as "unforgettable."

"It's such an advantage going (to Europe) because in such a short time you can get to not only so many countries, but you can see entire cultures. It's a very powerful place to be."

Farmer is one of the many students that has travelled Europe and done so reasonably cheap. He began by getting an international youth hostel membership for \$35, allowing him to stay in any youth hostel

in Europe for about \$12 a night. He also booked an inexpensive charter flight from Toronto to Manchester, and finally purchased a Eurorail Youthpass (for travellers under the age of 26) to transport him around by train.

He said students have many benefits when they go backpacking through Europe especially since train travel is the most popular travel in Europe.

"The best thing about travelling by train is that certain freedom you have, you know, you've got your

knapsack on your back — you can jump on that train and stop wherever you want. You can be in Italy when you wake up, or Spain, or Hungary, or Switzerland."

Farmer, from St. Catharines, said it didn't matter that he was travelling alone because "everytime you step off a train, you see other backpackers...it's the most natural setting to meet people since no one knows where they're going."

Travelling Europe as a student also has good advantages. Presenting student I.D. cards allows free admission to many well known museums, and bus rides. As well, Europeans are friendly towards students travelling abroad, "especially Canadians, so it helps to have a Canadian flag on your backpack," said Farmer.

Good information on travelling throughout Europe can be found in the book Let's Go Europe 1993, available at Coles book stores. The book guides travellers on where to go, places to avoid, prices of items, and other practical tips ideal for students.

For students looking to travel to Europe this summer, "the key is to book a charter flight early," said Lisa Olthof, travel consultant at Tothe Travel Centre in downtown St. Catharines.

"Flight costs are good until about the end of May, but they really go up after that, and they're booking really fast."

In fact, round trip fares to Britain and Europe cost about \$400 until the end of May, then rise dramatically during the peak summer season.

Eurorail Youthpasses offer the best value for the student buck. A one month unlimited pass costs \$648 and a two month pass is \$894.

Students wanting to "experience a combination of sightseeing and soul searching," said Farmer, "will love backpacking in Europe this summer."

Rae's plan cutting

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Rae has promised he will maintain investment in jobs through jobsOntario Training, jobsOntario Capital and other government departments and programs. He will also consider protecting people in the \$40,000 range and below from wage cutbacks and roll-backs.



Student Andrew Farmer backpacks through Europe. He says wearing the Canadian flag makes him welcome in many nations.

Photo by Tom Brank

Berehowsky realizes hockey dream

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

Growing up in Toronto, Drake Berehowsky admired the Toronto Maple Leafs. Now it's "a dream come true" for him to play for the team.

Berehowsky, 21, was recalled up to Toronto from the American Hockey League Maple Leafs in St. John's, Nfld., after Dave Ellett was injured.

Lack of self-confidence sent Berehowsky down to the farm team.

"They sent me down to get a lot of ice time and to get my confidence back," he said.

Berehowsky spent time with the St. John's team during their endless road trip. City workers in St. John's have been on strike since the middle of February, causing the Leafs to play all their games away from their home arena. The Leafs will have played 56 games on the road by the end of the season. Berehowsky said the thrill of the road travel soon diminished.

"At the beginning the travelling was exciting. You get to play at all the different arenas. As the season lingered on, everyone got sick and tired of travelling."



Growing up, Berehowsky admired the playing skills of Paul Coffey and Wayne Gretzky, and of course, he was a tried and true fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs. His biggest influence and motivator was older brother Darren.

"He's the one who's responsible for me playing."

So far, Berehowsky has escaped without any major injuries in the National Hockey League. The year before he was drafted by the Leafs, while he was playing for Kingston in the Ontario Hockey League, he tore a knee ligament and was off skates for nine months. The injury didn't seem to diminish his chances of making it into the NHL. He was drafted as Toronto's first choice, 10th overall in the 1990 entry draft.

Fellow St. John's teammate, winger Rob Cimetta, had nothing

but positive comments on the defenceman, calling Berehowsky "an excellent player who dominated the AHL. He goes out every night and gets the job done."

Cimetta, 23, and Berehowsky played junior hockey against each other. Cimetta played for the Toronto Marlboros while Berehowsky played for the Kingston Frontenacs and the North Bay Centennials. It was in the juniors that Cimetta was first impressed with Berehowsky's play.

"He leads by example and earns respect," Cimetta said.

Short of two Grade 13 credits, Berehowsky has no immediate plans to return to high school. He said he will "probably" go to university at some point, but has no plans for life after hockey.

"I'm just going to try and play as much as I can and think about it (the future) when the time comes," he said.

Berehowsky said he is happy he has returned to the Toronto lineup.

"I picked up my game a notch and some confidence. I guess that's why I'm back here (in Toronto). Hopefully I'm here to stay."

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